

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4258

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the definition of critical access hospital under the Medicare program to include certain hospitals on Indian reservations.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2025

Mr. NEWHOUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF CRITICAL AC-**  
4 **CESS HOSPITAL UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**  
5 **GRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN HOSPITALS ON**  
6 **INDIAN RESERVATIONS.**

7 Section 1820(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 1395i-4(c)(2)) is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (B)(i)(I), by inserting  
2           “subject to subparagraph (F),” before “is located”;

3           (2) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by striking “The  
4           total” and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (F),  
5           the total”; and

6           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
7           paragraph:

8                         “(F) HOSPITALS ON INDIAN RESERVA-  
9                         TIONS.—

10                        “(i) IN GENERAL.—Beginning August  
11                        1, 2025, a State may designate a facility  
12                        as a critical access hospital if the facility—

13                                 “(I) is located on a reservation  
14                                 (as defined in section 4 of the Indian  
15                                 Health Care Improvement Act); and

16                                 “(II) is located more than a 35-  
17                                 mile drive (or, in the case of moun-  
18                                 tainous terrain or in areas with only  
19                                 secondary roads available, a 15-mile  
20                                 drive) from a hospital, or another fa-  
21                                 cility described in this subsection,  
22                                 that—

23   “(aa) is located on a res-  
24   ervation (as so defined); or

1                   “(bb) is operated by the In-  
2                   dian Health Service, an Indian  
3                   tribe or tribal organization, or an  
4                   urban Indian organization (as de-  
5                   fined in section 4 of the Indian  
6                   Health Care Improvement Act).

7                   “(ii) PSYCHIATRIC AND REHABILITA-  
8                   TION DISTINCT PART UNITS.—A facility  
9                   described in clause (i) may establish a dis-  
10                  tinct part unit under subparagraph (E)  
11                  without regard to the limitation on number  
12                  of beds under clause (ii) of such subpara-  
13                  graph.”.

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