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H. R. 4277

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 2, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. BERGMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Emergency Hos-
5 pital Financial Stability Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF MEDICAID PAYMENT FOR**
2 **RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.**

3 (a) AMENDMENT TO MEDICAID STATUTE.—Para-
4 graph (2)(A) of Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amended by inserting the fol-
6 lowing after “outpatient hospital services”: “(including
7 rural emergency hospital services, as defined in section
8 1861(kkk), when such services are available),”;

9 (b) NURSING FACILITY AMENDMENT.—Paragraph
10 (4)(A) of Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act (42
11 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amended by inserting “but including
12 services provided in a nursing facility that is a distinct
13 part unit of a rural emergency hospital, as defined in sec-
14 tion 1861(kkk)(2)” after “diseases”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this Act shall take effect on the date of enactment, and
17 shall apply to services furnished on or after such date.

18 **SEC. 3. RULEMAKING.**

19 Not later than 12 months after the date of enactment
20 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services
21 shall issue final regulations to carry out the amendments
22 made by this Act.

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