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# H. R. 8967

To provide for an extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2026

Mr. FEENSTRA (for himself, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. FLOOD, Ms. BYNUM, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. MANN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. BALINT, Mr. SCHMIDT, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. PINGREE, and Mr. GUEST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To provide for an extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program.

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 Community Hos-  
5 pital Demonstration Program Reauthorization”.

1 **SEC. 2. FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE RURAL COMMUNITY**  
2 **HOSPITAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(5) of section 410A  
4 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and  
5 Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173; 42  
6 U.S.C. 1395ww note), is amended by striking “15-year ex-  
7 tension period” and inserting “20-year extension period”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS FOR EXTENSION.—

9 (1) EXTENSION OF DEMONSTRATION PERIOD.—

10 Subsection (g) of such section 410A is amended—

11 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking  
12 “FIFTEEN-YEAR” and inserting “TWENTY-  
13 YEAR”;

14 (B) in paragraph (1)—

15 (i) by striking “additional 15-year”  
16 and inserting “additional 20-year”; and

17 (ii) by striking “15-year extension pe-  
18 riod” and inserting “20-year extension pe-  
19 riod”;

20 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “15-year  
21 extension period” and inserting “20-year exten-  
22 sion period”;

23 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “15-year  
24 extension period” and inserting “20-year exten-  
25 sion period”;

1 (E) in paragraph (4), by striking “15-year  
2 extension period” each place it appears and in-  
3 serting “20-year extension period”;

4 (F) in paragraph (5), by striking “15-year  
5 extension period” each place it appears and in-  
6 serting “20-year extension period”; and

7 (G) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6),  
8 by striking “15-year extension period” and in-  
9 serting “20-year extension period”.

10 (2) RULE FOR HOSPITALS THAT ARE NOT  
11 ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEMONSTRA-  
12 TION.—Paragraph (5) of subsection (g) of such sec-  
13 tion 410A is amended—

14 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “AD-  
15 DITIONAL EXTENSION” and inserting “CAA,  
16 2021 EXTENSION”; and

17 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
18 subparagraph:

19 “(C) ADDITIONAL EXTENSION.—During  
20 the fourth 5 years of the 20-year extension pe-  
21 riod, the Secretary shall apply the provisions of  
22 paragraph (4) to rural community hospitals  
23 that are not described in paragraph (4) but are  
24 participating in the demonstration program  
25 under this section at any time during the period

1 beginning on December 30, 2024, and ending  
2 on January 1, 2027, in a similar manner as  
3 such provisions apply to rural community hos-  
4 pitals described in paragraph (4).”.

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