

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1044

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 13, 2025

Ms. ROSEN (for herself and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Physicians for Under-  
5 served Areas Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REDISTRIBUTION OF RESI-**  
2 **DENCY SLOTS UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**  
3 **GRAM AFTER A HOSPITAL CLOSES.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1886(h)(4)(H)(vi) of the  
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(vi)) is  
6 amended—

7 (1) in subclause (II)—

8 (A) by striking item (cc) and redesignating  
9 item (dd) as item (cc); and

10 (B) in item (cc), as redesignated under  
11 subparagraph (A)—

12 (i) by striking “Fourth” and inserting  
13 “Third”; and

14 (ii) by striking “item (cc)” and insert-  
15 ing “item (bb)”; and

16 (2) in subclause (III), by striking “likelihood of  
17 filling” and all that follows and inserting the fol-  
18 lowing: “likelihood of—

19 “(aa) starting to utilize the  
20 positions made available under  
21 this clause within 2 years; and

22 “(bb) filling the positions  
23 made available under this clause  
24 within 5 years.”.

25 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
26 subsection (a) shall apply to the redistribution of residency

- 1 slots with respect to hospitals that close on or after the
- 2 date of enactment of this Act.

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