

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2729

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2011

Ms. BASS of California (for herself and Mr. TERRY) 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 “Health IT Moderniza-
5 tion for Underserved Communities Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ELIGIBILITY**
2 **FOR MEDICAID ELECTRONIC HEALTH**
3 **RECORD INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1902(t)(3)(B)(v) of the
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(t)(3)(B)(v)) is
6 amended by striking “insofar as the assistant is practicing
7 in a rural health clinic that is led by a physician assistant
8 or is practicing in a Federally qualified health center that
9 is so led”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to payments made
12 for calendar quarters beginning on the date of enactment
13 of this Act.

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