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[Report No. 114-102]

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 27, 2015

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MORAN, Mr. UDALL, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. THUNE, Mr. WICKER, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. FRANKEN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. FISCHER, and Mr. ROUNDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

JULY 30, 2015

Reported by Mr. HATCH, with an amendment and an amendment to the title
[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a five-year extension of the rural community hospital demonstration program, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Community Hos-
3 pital Demonstration Extension Act of 2015”.

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

6 (a) **EXTENSION.**—Section 410A of the Medicare Pre-
7 scription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of
8 2003 (Public Law 108–173; 42 U.S.C. 1395ww note), as
9 amended by sections 3123 and 10313 of the Patient Pro-
10 tection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148),
11 is amended—

12 (1) in subsection (a)(5), by striking “5-year ex-
13 tension period” and inserting “10-year extension pe-
14 riod”; and

15 (2) in subsection (g)—

16 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
17 “FIVE-YEAR” and inserting “TEN-YEAR”;

18 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “addi-
19 tional 5-year” and inserting “additional 10-
20 year”; and

21 (C) by striking “5-year extension period”
22 and inserting “10-year extension period” each
23 place it appears ;

24 (b) **CHANGE IN TIMING FOR REPORT.**—Subsection
25 (e) of such section 410A is amended by striking “Not later

1 than 6 months after the completion” and inserting “Not
2 later than 2 years prior to the completion”.

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Rural Community Hos-*
5 *pital Demonstration Extension Act of 2015”.*

6 **SEC. 2. FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE MEDICARE RURAL**
7 **COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DEMONSTRATION**
8 **PROGRAM.**

9 (a) *EXTENSION.*—Section 410A of the Medicare Pre-
10 *scription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of*
11 *2003 (Public Law 108–173; 42 U.S.C. 1395ww note), as*
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14 *amended—*

15 (1) *in subsection (a)(5), by striking “5-year ex-*
16 *tension period” and inserting “10-year extension pe-*
17 *riod”; and*

18 (2) *in subsection (g)—*

19 (A) *in the subsection heading, by striking*
20 *“FIVE-YEAR” and inserting “TEN-YEAR”;*

21 (B) *in paragraph (1), by striking “addi-*
22 *tional 5-year” and inserting “additional 10-*
23 *year”;*

1 (C) by striking “5-year extension period”
2 and inserting “10-year extension period” each
3 place it appears;

4 (D) in paragraph (3), by adding at the end
5 the following new sentence: “Notwithstanding the
6 preceding sentence, after the date of the enact-
7 ment of this sentence, only hospitals described in
8 paragraph (4) or (5) may participate in dem-
9 onstration program under this section.”

10 (E) in paragraph (4)(B)—

11 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
12 by inserting “each 5-year period in” after
13 “hospital during”; and

14 (ii) in clause (i), by inserting “each
15 applicable 5-year period in” after “the first
16 day of”; and

17 (F) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

19 “(5) OTHER HOSPITALS IN DEMONSTRATION
20 PROGRAM.—During the second 5 years of the 10-year
21 extension period, the Secretary shall apply the provi-
22 sions of paragraph (4) to rural community hospitals
23 that are not described in paragraph (4) but are par-
24 ticipating in the demonstration program under this
25 section as of December 30, 2014, in a similar manner

1 *as such provisions apply to rural community hos-*
2 *pitals described in paragraph (4).”.*

3 *(b) CHANGE IN TIMING FOR REPORT.—Subsection (e)*
4 *of such section 410A is amended by striking “Not later than*
5 *6 months after the completion” and inserting “Not later*
6 *than August 1, 2018”.*

Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to provide for a five-year extension of the Medicare rural community hospital demonstration program.”.

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