

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6584

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for a temporary increase in Medicaid DSH allotments during the COVID–19 emergency period, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 2020

Ms. KELLY of Illinois (for herself and Mr. GOMEZ) 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. TEMPORARY INCREASE IN MEDICAID DSH AL-**
4 **LOTMENTS DURING COVID–19 EMERGENCY**
5 **PERIOD.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1923(f)(3) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–4(f)(3)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and sub-
2 paragraph (E)” and inserting “and subparagraphs
3 (E) and (F)”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 paragraph:

6 “(F) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN ALLOT-
7 MENTS DURING CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH
8 EMERGENCY.—The DSH allotment for any
9 State is—

10 “(i) for fiscal year 2020, equal to
11 102.5 percent of the DSH allotment that
12 would be determined under this paragraph
13 for the State for fiscal year 2020 without
14 application of this subparagraph, notwith-
15 standing subparagraphs (B) and (C); and

16 “(ii) for a subsequent fiscal year (if
17 any) during which the emergency period
18 defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section
19 1135(g) is in effect, equal to 102.5 percent
20 of the DSH allotment determined under
21 this subparagraph for the State for the
22 previous fiscal year.

23 For each fiscal year after fiscal year 2020 dur-
24 ing which the emergency period described in
25 clause (ii) is not in effect, the DSH allotment

1 for a State for such fiscal year is equal to the
2 DSH allotment that would have been deter-
3 mined under this paragraph for such fiscal year
4 if this subparagraph had not been enacted.”.

5 (b) DSH ALLOTMENT ADJUSTMENT FOR TEN-
6 NESSEE.—Section 1923(f)(6)(A)(vi) of the Social Security
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f)(6)(A)(vi)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “Notwithstanding any other pro-
9 vision of this subsection” and inserting the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Notwith-
12 standing any other provision of this
13 subsection (except as provided in sub-
14 clause (II) of this clause)”;

15 (2) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(II) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN
17 ALLOTMENTS DURING CERTAIN PUB-
18 LIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—For any
19 of fiscal years 2020 through 2025, if
20 the emergency period defined in para-
21 graph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) is in
22 effect during such fiscal year, the
23 DSH allotment for Tennessee for
24 such fiscal year shall be
25 \$54,427,500.”.

1 (c) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
2 gress that a State should prioritize making payments
3 under the State plan of the State under title XIX of the
4 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (or a waiver
5 of such plan) to disproportionate share hospitals that have
6 a higher share of COVID–19 patients relative to other
7 such hospitals in the State.

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