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# H. R. 6605

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Emergency Fund, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2020

Mrs. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Appropriations

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## A BILL

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Social Services Emergency Fund, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Helping Hospitals in  
5 Need Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH**  
7 **AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND.**

8 (a) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION.**—There is hereby  
9 appropriated, out of any amounts in the Treasury not oth-  
10 erwise appropriated, \$100,000,000,000 for an additional

1 amount for “Department of Health and Human Serv-  
2 ices—Office of the Secretary—Public Health and Social  
3 Services Emergency Fund”, to be merged with amounts  
4 made available to such account by division B of the  
5 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub-  
6 lic Law 116–136).

7 (b) PURPOSES OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Health  
8 and Human Services shall seek to obligate and expend the  
9 amount appropriated by subsection (a) in a manner that  
10 prioritizes funding for—

11 (1) hospitals and health care providers that the  
12 Secretary determines serve a high proportion of un-  
13 insured or low income patients, including based on—

14 (A) whether the hospital has received dis-  
15 proportionate share hospital payments under  
16 section 1886(r) of the Social Security Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 1395ww) with respect to fiscal year  
18 2019;

19 (B) whether the hospital has received dis-  
20 proportionate share hospital payments under  
21 section 1925 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–6)  
22 with respect to fiscal year 2019; and

23 (C) any other factors specified by the Sec-  
24 retary, including whether the hospital is identi-

1           fied as a “safety-net hospital” by the National  
2           Academy of Medicine; and

3           (2) States, including the District of Columbia  
4           and the territories or possessions of the United  
5           States, that the Secretary, in coordination with the  
6           Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
7           vention, determines to have the highest per capita  
8           hospitalization rates for confirmed cases of COVID–  
9           19.

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