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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2019

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Rural Access to Hos-
5 piece Act of 2019”.
SEC. 2. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER AND RURAL HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES FURNISHED TO HOSPICE PATIENTS.

Section 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m) is amended—

(1) in subsection (o), by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(4) Payment for Attending Physician Services Furnished by Federally Qualified Health Centers to Hospice Patients.—In the case of services described in section 1812(d)(2)(A)(ii) furnished on or after January 1, 2020, by an attending physician (as defined in section 1861(dd)(3)(B), other than a physician or practitioner who is employed by a hospice program) who is employed by or working under contract with a Federally qualified health center, a Federally qualified health center shall be paid for such services under the prospective payment system under this subsection.”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(x) Payment for Attending Physician Services Furnished by Rural Health Clinics to Hospice Patients.—In the case of services described in sec-
tion 1812(d)(2)(A)(ii) furnished on or after January 1, 2020, by an attending physician (as defined in section 1861(dd)(3)(B), other than a physician or practitioner who is employed by a hospice program) who is employed by or working under contract with a rural health clinic, a rural health clinic shall be paid for such services under the methodology for all-inclusive rates (established by the Secretary) under section 1833(a)(3), subject to the limits described in section 1833(f).”.