

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4258

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the definition of critical access hospital under the Medicare program to include certain hospitals on Indian reservations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. NEWHOUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

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. EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF CRITICAL AC-**
4 **CESS HOSPITAL UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**
5 **GRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN HOSPITALS ON**
6 **INDIAN RESERVATIONS.**

7 Section 1820(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1395i–4(c)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B)(i)(I), by inserting
2 “subject to subparagraph (F),” before “is located”;

3 (2) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by striking “The
4 total” and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (F),
5 the total”; and

6 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
7 paragraph:

8 “(F) HOSPITALS ON INDIAN RESERVA-
9 TIONS.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Beginning August
11 1, 2025, a State may designate a facility
12 as a critical access hospital if the facility—

13 “(I) is located on a reservation
14 (as defined in section 4 of the Indian
15 Health Care Improvement Act); and

16 “(II) is located more than a 35-
17 mile drive (or, in the case of moun-
18 tainous terrain or in areas with only
19 secondary roads available, a 15-mile
20 drive) from a hospital, or another fa-
21 cility described in this subsection,
22 that—

23 “(aa) is located on a res-
24 ervation (as so defined); or

1 “(bb) is operated by the In-
2 dian Health Service, an Indian
3 tribe or tribal organization, or an
4 urban Indian organization (as de-
5 fined in section 4 of the Indian
6 Health Care Improvement Act).

7 “(ii) PSYCHIATRIC AND REHABILITA-
8 TION DISTINCT PART UNITS.—A facility
9 described in clause (i) may establish a dis-
10 tinct part unit under subparagraph (E)
11 without regard to the limitation on number
12 of beds under clause (ii) of such subpara-
13 graph.”.

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