

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4345

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

JULY 10, 2025

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, without regard
13 to the distance between the facility and a
14 hospital (or another facility described in
15 this subsection), if the facility is located on
16 a reservation (as defined in section 4 of
17 the Indian Health Care Improvement Act).

18 “(ii) PSYCHIATRIC AND REHABILITA-
19 TION DISTINCT PART UNITS.—A facility
20 described in clause (i) may establish a dis-
21 tinct part unit under subparagraph (E)
22 without regard to the limitation on number
23 of beds under clause (ii) of such subpara-
24 graph. The Secretary may not take a dis-
25 tinct part unit so established by such facil-

1 ity into account when determining whether
2 such facility is primarily engaged in pro-
3 viding the services described in section
4 1861(e)(1).”.

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