

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 44

To amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to include rural emergency hospitals in the definition of a covered entity for purposes of the 340B drug discount program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 340B Access  
5 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS AS**  
2 **COVERED ENTITIES FOR PURPOSES OF THE**  
3 **340B DRUG DISCOUNT PROGRAM.**

4 Section 340B(a)(4) of the Public Health Service Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 256b(a)(4)) is amended by adding at the end  
6 the following new subparagraph:

7 “(P) An entity that is a rural emergency  
8 hospital (as defined in section 1861(kkk)(2) of  
9 the Social Security Act) that is owned or oper-  
10 ated by a unit of State or local government, is  
11 a public or private non-profit corporation which  
12 is formally granted governmental powers by a  
13 unit of State or local government, or is a pri-  
14 vate non-profit rural emergency hospital which  
15 has a contract with a State or local government  
16 to provide health care services to low income in-  
17 dividuals who are not entitled to benefits under  
18 title XVIII of the Social Security Act or eligible  
19 for assistance under the State plan under this  
20 title.”.

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