

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3047

To provide for the treatment of certain critical access hospitals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 23, 2025

Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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hospitals.

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 “Restoring Rural
5 Health Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN CRITICAL ACCESS HOS-**
7 **PITALS.**

8 Section 1820(c)(2)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4(c)(2)(B)(i)) is amended—

10 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “or” after the
11 semicolon;

1 (2) in subclause (II), by inserting “or” after the
2 semicolon; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 clause:

5 “(III) is a facility that—

6 “(aa) as of January 1,
7 2024, was designated as a crit-
8 ical access hospital; and

9 “(bb) receives notice from
10 the Centers for Medicare & Med-
11 icaid Services during the period
12 beginning on December 1, 2024,
13 and ending on January 1, 2027,
14 that the facility was found to be
15 noncompliant with the distance
16 requirement under section
17 485.610(c) of title 42, Code of
18 Federal Regulations (or a suc-
19 cessor regulation);”.

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