

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4460

AN ACT

To provide for an extension of the rural community hospital
demonstration program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Rural Community Hos-
3 pital Demonstration Program Reauthorization”.

4 **SEC. 2. FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE RURAL COMMUNITY**
5 **HOSPITAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(5) of section 410A
7 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and
8 Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173; 42
9 U.S.C. 1395ww note), is amended by striking “15-year ex-
10 tension period” and inserting “20-year extension period”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS FOR EXTENSION.—

12 (1) EXTENSION OF DEMONSTRATION PERIOD.—

13 Subsection (g) of such section 410A is amended—

14 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
15 “FIFTEEN-YEAR” and inserting “TWENTY-
16 YEAR”;

17 (B) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) by striking “additional 15-year”
19 and inserting “additional 20-year”; and

20 (ii) by striking “15-year extension pe-
21 riod” and inserting “20-year extension pe-
22 riod”;

23 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “15-year
24 extension period” and inserting “20-year exten-
25 sion period”;

1 (D) in paragraph (3), by striking “15-year
2 extension period” and inserting “20-year exten-
3 sion period”;

4 (E) in paragraph (4), by striking “15-year
5 extension period” each place it appears and in-
6 serting “20-year extension period”;

7 (F) in paragraph (5), by striking “15-year
8 extension period” each place it appears and in-
9 serting “20-year extension period”; and

10 (G) in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (6),
11 by striking “15-year extension period” and in-
12 serting “20-year extension period”.

13 (2) RULE FOR HOSPITALS THAT ARE NOT
14 ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEMONSTRA-
15 TION.—Paragraph (5) of subsection (g) of such sec-
16 tion 410A is amended—

17 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “AD-
18 DITIONAL EXTENSION” and inserting “CAA,
19 2021 EXTENSION”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end the following new
21 subparagraph:

22 “(C) ADDITIONAL EXTENSION.—During
23 the fourth 5 years of the 20-year extension pe-
24 riod, the Secretary shall apply the provisions of
25 paragraph (4) to rural community hospitals

1 that are not described in paragraph (4) but are
2 participating in the demonstration program
3 under this section at any time during the period
4 beginning on December 30, 2024, and ending
5 on January 1, 2027, in a similar manner as
6 such provisions apply to rural community hos-
7 pitals described in paragraph (4).”.

Passed the Senate May 20, 2026.

Attest:

Secretary.

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