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S. 4460

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 30, 2026

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MORAN, Mr. KING, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. LANKFORD, and Mr. HICKENLOOPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

6 **SEC. 2. FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION OF THE RURAL COMMUNITY** 7 **HOSPITAL DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a)(5) of section 410A
9 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and

1 Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173; 42
 2 U.S.C. 1395ww note), is amended by striking “15-year ex-
 3 tension period” and inserting “20-year extension period”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS FOR EXTENSION.—

5 (1) EXTENSION OF DEMONSTRATION PERIOD.—

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

7 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
 8 “FIFTEEN-YEAR” and inserting “TWENTY-
 9 YEAR”;

10 (B) in paragraph (1)—

11 (i) by striking “additional 15-year”
 12 and inserting “additional 20-year”; and

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

16 (C) in paragraph (2), by striking “15-year
 17 extension period” and inserting “20-year exten-
 18 sion period”;

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

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

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

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

7 (2) RULE FOR HOSPITALS THAT ARE NOT
8 ORIGINAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DEMONSTRA-
9 TION.—Paragraph (5) of subsection (g) of such sec-
10 tion 410A is amended—

11 (A) in subparagraph (B), by striking “AD-
12 DITIONAL EXTENSION” and inserting “CAA,
13 2021 EXTENSION”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following new
15 subparagraph:

16 “(C) ADDITIONAL EXTENSION.—During
17 the fourth 5 years of the 20-year extension pe-
18 riod, the Secretary shall apply the provisions of
19 paragraph (4) to rural community hospitals
20 that are not described in paragraph (4) but are
21 participating in the demonstration program
22 under this section at any time during the period
23 beginning on December 30, 2024, and ending
24 on January 1, 2027, in a similar manner as

- 1 such provisions apply to rural community hos-
- 2 pitals described in paragraph (4).”.

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