

109TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4585

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove the cap on disproportionate share adjustment percentages for certain rural hospitals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 16, 2005

Mr. BOUSTANY (for himself and Mr. SPRATT) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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. REMOVAL OF THE CAP ON DISPROPORTIONATE**  
4                       **SHARE ADJUSTMENT PERCENTAGES FOR**  
5                       **CERTAIN RURAL HOSPITALS.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(F)(xiv) of the  
7       Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(F)(xiv)) is  
8       amended—

1           (1) in subclause (II), by striking “classified as  
2       a rural referral center under subparagraph (C)” and  
3       inserting “described in subclause (III)”; and

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

6       “(III) A hospital described in this subclause is a hos-  
7       pital that is located in a rural area and has at least 100  
8       beds or is classified as a rural referral center under sub-  
9       paragraph (C).”.

10       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11       subsection (a) shall apply to discharges occurring on or  
12       after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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