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H. R. 3806

To amend the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 to extend and expand the Medicare rural community hospital demonstration program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MORAN of Kansas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Enhanced Rural
5 Health Care Extension Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION AND EXPANSION OF THE MEDICARE**
2 **RURAL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DEMONSTRA-**
3 **TION PROGRAM.**

4 (a) SELECTION OF DEMONSTRATION AREAS.—Sec-
5 tion 410A(a)(2) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Im-
6 provement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law
7 108–173; 42 U.S.C. 1395ww note) is amended to read as
8 follows:

9 “(2) DEMONSTRATION AREAS.—The dem-
10 onstration program shall be conducted in rural areas
11 selected by the Secretary in the 15 States with the
12 lowest population densities, as determined by the
13 Secretary using the Statistical Abstract of the
14 United States: 2009 (published by the Bureau of the
15 Census).”.

16 (b) SELECTION OF HOSPITALS.—Section 410A(a)(4)
17 of such Act is amended by striking “15” and inserting
18 “30”.

19 (c) DURATION.—Section 410A(a)(5) of such Act is
20 amended by striking “5-year” and inserting “10-year”.

21 (d) REPORTS.—Section 410A(e) of such Act is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 “(e) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit to Con-
24 gress—

25 “(1) within 6 months after the date of the en-
26 actment of the Enhanced Rural Health Care Exten-

1 sion Act of 2009, an interim report on the operation
2 of the demonstration program under this section;
3 and

4 “(2) within 6 months after the completion of
5 the demonstration program, a final report on the op-
6 eration of such program.

7 Each report under this subsection shall include rec-
8 ommendations for such legislation and administrative ac-
9 tion as the Secretary determines to be appropriate.”.

10 (e) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN RURAL COMMUNITY
11 HOSPITALS.—If, on the date of the enactment of this Act,
12 a rural community hospital (as defined in section
13 410A(f)(1) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improve-
14 ment, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–
15 173; 42 U.S.C. 1395ww note)) is participating in the rural
16 community hospital demonstration program established
17 under section 410A of such Act and is located within a
18 State that is not identified by the Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services under section 410A(a)(2) of such Act (as
20 amended by this section), the Secretary shall provide for
21 the continued participation of such hospital in such dem-
22 onstration program.

23 (f) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section 410A of
24 such Act is amended—

25 (1) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)(B)(ii), by striking
2 “2)” and inserting “2))”; and

3 (B) in paragraph (2)—

4 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
5 “cost” before “reporting period”; and

6 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting
7 “cost” before “reporting period” the first
8 place it appears; and

9 (2) in subsection (f)(1)—

10 (A) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
11 “paragraph (2)” and inserting “subparagraph
12 (B)”; and

13 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking
14 “paragraph (1)(B)” and inserting “subpara-
15 graph (A)(ii)”.

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