

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2578

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend for one year the hold harmless provision for small rural hospitals and sole community hospitals under the Medicare prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 28, 2013

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Rural Hospital Fair-
5 ness Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF OUTPATIENT HOLD**
2 **HARMLESS PROVISION.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1833(t)(7)(D)(i) of the
4 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(7)(D)(i)), as
5 amended by section 3002(a) of the Middle Class Tax Re-
6 lief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–96),
7 is amended—

8 (1) in subclause (II)—

9 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Jan-
10 uary 1, 2013” and inserting “January 1,
11 2014”; and

12 (B) in the second sentence, by striking “or
13 2012” and inserting “, 2012, or 2013”; and

14 (2) in subclause (III)—

15 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “Jan-
16 uary 1, 2013” and inserting “January 1,
17 2014”; and

18 (B) in the second sentence, by striking
19 “March 1, 2012” and inserting “January 1,
20 2014”.

21 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
22 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
23 ment of section 3002 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and
24 Job Creation Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–96).

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