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H. R. 3365

To exempt certain long-term care hospitals operating in a single-hospital MSA from the Medicare threshold payment adjustment policy for long-term care hospitals, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 29, 2013

Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. TIBERI, and Mr. MESSER) 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 “Defending Rural Ac-
5 cess to Long Term Acute Care Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM THRESHOLD PAYMENT ADJUST-**
 2 **MENT POLICY FOR CERTAIN LONG-TERM**
 3 **CARE HOSPITALS OPERATING IN A SINGLE-**
 4 **HOSPITAL MSA.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
 6 Human Services shall not apply sections 412.534 or
 7 412.536 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, to any
 8 long-term care hospital operating in a single-hospital MSA
 9 (as defined in subsection (b)).

10 (b) LONG-TERM CARE HOSPITAL OPERATING IN A
 11 SINGLE-HOSPITAL MSA DEFINED.—In this section, the
 12 term “long-term care hospital operating in a single-hos-
 13 pital MSA” means an entity that meets the following cri-
 14 teria on the date of the enactment of this Act:

15 (1) The entity is a long-term care hospital as
 16 defined in section 1861(ccc) of the Social Security
 17 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ccc)), but is not a long-term
 18 care hospital described in section
 19 1886(d)(1)(B)(iv)(II) of the Social Security Act (42
 20 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(1)(B)(iv)(II)).

21 (2) The entity is located in a Metropolitan Sta-
 22 tistical Area (as defined by the Office of Manage-
 23 ment and Budget in OMB Bulletin 13–01 published
 24 February 28, 2013) that has only one subsection (d)
 25 hospital (as defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the
 26 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(2)(D))).

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (a) applies to
2 long-term care hospitals for cost reporting periods begin-
3 ning on or after October 1, 2013.

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