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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish rules for payment for graduate medical education (GME) costs for hospitals that establish a new medical residency training program after hosting resident rotators for short durations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Mr. MACARTHUR, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. NORCROSS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. LANCE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish rules for payment for graduate medical education (GME) costs for hospitals that establish a new medical residency training program after hosting resident rotators for short durations.

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 “Advancing Medical
5 Resident Training in Community Hospitals Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE GME TREATMENT OF HOSPITALS ESTAB-**
 2 **LISHING NEW MEDICAL RESIDENCY TRAIN-**
 3 **ING PROGRAMS AFTER HOSTING MEDICAL**
 4 **RESIDENT ROTATORS FOR SHORT DURA-**
 5 **TIONS.**

6 (a) REDETERMINATION OF APPROVED FTE RESI-
 7 DENT AMOUNT.—Section 1886(h)(2)(F) of the Social Se-
 8 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(2)(F)) is amended—

- 9 (1) by inserting “(i)” before “In the case of”;
 10 and
 11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(ii) In applying this subparagraph to
 13 a hospital that has not entered into a
 14 GME affiliation agreement (as defined by
 15 the Secretary for purposes of paragraph
 16 (4)(H)(ii)), the Secretary shall not provide
 17 for the establishment of an FTE resident
 18 amount until such time as the Secretary
 19 determines that the hospital has a medical
 20 residency training program that trains
 21 more than 1.0 full-time-equivalent resident
 22 in a cost reporting period.

23 “(iii) In the case of a hospital with an
 24 approved FTE resident amount—

1 “(I) based on the training of less
2 than 1.0 full-time-equivalent resident
3 before October 1, 1997, or

4 “(II) based on the training of no
5 more than 3.0 full-time-equivalent
6 residents in a new medical residency
7 training program in any cost report-
8 ing period beginning on or after Octo-
9 ber 1, 1997, and before the date of
10 the enactment of this clause, or

11 “(III) based on the training of no
12 full-time-equivalent residents in a
13 medical residency training program
14 for any ten consecutive cost reporting
15 periods beginning on or after October
16 1, 1997,

17 the Secretary shall provide the hospital an
18 opportunity to have a new FTE resident
19 amount established when the hospital be-
20 gins training at least 1.0 full-time equiva-
21 lent resident (in the case of a hospital de-
22 scribed in subclauses (I or III)) or more
23 than 3.0 full-time-equivalent residents (in
24 the case of a hospital described in sub-
25 clause (II)) for cost reporting periods be-

ginning on or after the date of the enactment of this clause and in accordance with the methodology under the rules in effect as of October 1, 2015.”.

(b) REDETERMINATION OF FTE RESIDENT LIMITATION.—Section 1886(h)(4)(H)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(i)) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(I)” before “The Secretary”;

and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(II) Under this clause the Secretary shall not determine an adjustment in the limitation applicable to a hospital under subparagraph (F) until the hospital trains more than 1.0 full-time equivalent resident in a new medical residency training program in a cost reporting period.

“(III) In the case of a hospital that has a limitation under subparagraph (F) of less than 1.0 full-time-equivalent resident as of the date of the enactment of this subclause based on training before October 1, 1997, under this clause the Secretary shall

1 provide the hospital an opportunity to
2 have a new adjustment in such limita-
3 tion determined when such hospital
4 begins training at least 1.0 full-time
5 equivalent resident in accordance with
6 the methodology applicable to hos-
7 pitals under the rules in effect as of
8 October 1, 2015, and applied for cost
9 reporting periods beginning on or
10 after the date of the enactment of this
11 subclause.

12 “(IV) In the case of a hospital
13 that has not reported full-time-equa-
14 lent residents in ten consecutive cost
15 reporting periods subsequent to Octo-
16 ber 1, 1997, under this clause the
17 Secretary shall provide the hospital an
18 opportunity to have a new adjustment
19 in such limitation determined when
20 such hospital begins training at least
21 1.0 full-time equivalent resident in ac-
22 cordance with the methodology appli-
23 cable to hospitals under the rules in
24 effect as of October 1, 2015, and ap-
25 plied for cost reporting periods begin-

1 ning on or after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this subclause.

3 “(V) In the case of a hospital for
4 which an adjustment in the limitation
5 applicable to a hospital under sub-
6 paragraph (F) is based on the train-
7 ing of no more than 3.0 full-time-
8 equivalent residents in a new medical
9 residency training program in a cost
10 reporting period beginning on or after
11 October 1, 1997, and before the date
12 of the enactment of this subclause,
13 the Secretary shall provide the hos-
14 pital an opportunity to have a new ad-
15 justment in such limitation deter-
16 mined when the hospital begins train-
17 ing more than 3.0 full-time-equivalent
18 residents in accordance with the meth-
19 odology applicable to hospitals under
20 the rules in effect as of October 1,
21 2015, and applied for cost reporting
22 periods beginning on or after the date
23 of the enactment of this subclause.”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall apply to payment under section 1886 of

1 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww) for cost re-
2 porting periods beginning on or after the date of the en-
3 actment of this Act.

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