

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7395

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to allow delivery of medical supplies by unmanned aerial systems, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 21, 2018

Mr. MEADOWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Natural Resources, 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. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON THE MEDICAL POTEN-**
4 **TIAL OF UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS.**

5 It is the sense of Congress that unmanned aerial sys-
6 tems have the potential to improve medical care for rural
7 populations and for patients in acute situations in need
8 of immediate care and without immediate access to care

1 providers, and that such technologies should be utilized
2 where practicable.

3 **SEC. 2. CONFIRMATION OF MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT**
4 **ELIGIBILITY.**

5 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
6 not prohibit any program administered by the Centers for
7 Medicare and Medicaid Services or the Indian Health
8 Service from reimbursing hospitals or other medical pro-
9 viders for the use of unmanned aerial systems for delivery
10 of medical supplies to hospitals, ambulances, or directly
11 to sites of medical emergencies occurring away from hos-
12 pitals and ambulances.

13 **SEC. 3. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND FLIGHT**
14 **OF UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS BEYOND**
15 **LINE OF SIGHT FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES.**

16 The Federal Aviation Administration, in issuing rule-
17 making for unmanned aerial system delivery as directed
18 by section 44808 of title 49, United States Code, shall
19 not prohibit the operation of unmanned aerial systems for
20 medical purposes beyond the line of sight, consistent with
21 other rules and regulations made applicable to all un-
22 manned aerial systems in such rulemaking.

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