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H. R. 6605

To provide additional amounts to the Public Health and Social Services
Emergency Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2020

Mrs. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Appropriations

A BILL

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Social Services Emergency Fund, and for other purposes.

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 “Helping Hospitals in
5 Need Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH**
7 **AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND.**

8 (a) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION.**—There is hereby
9 appropriated, out of any amounts in the Treasury not oth-
10 erwise appropriated, \$100,000,000,000 for an additional

1 amount for “Department of Health and Human Serv-
2 ices—Office of the Secretary—Public Health and Social
3 Services Emergency Fund”, to be merged with amounts
4 made available to such account by division B of the
5 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub-
6 lic Law 116–136).

7 (b) PURPOSES OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Health
8 and Human Services shall seek to obligate and expend the
9 amount appropriated by subsection (a) in a manner that
10 prioritizes funding for—

11 (1) hospitals and health care providers that the
12 Secretary determines serve a high proportion of un-
13 insured or low income patients, including based on—

14 (A) whether the hospital has received dis-
15 proportionate share hospital payments under
16 section 1886(r) of the Social Security Act (42
17 U.S.C. 1395ww) with respect to fiscal year
18 2019;

19 (B) whether the hospital has received dis-
20 proportionate share hospital payments under
21 section 1925 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–6)
22 with respect to fiscal year 2019; and

23 (C) any other factors specified by the Sec-
24 retary, including whether the hospital is identi-

1 fied as a “safety-net hospital” by the National
2 Academy of Medicine; and
3 (2) States, including the District of Columbia
4 and the territories or possessions of the United
5 States, that the Secretary, in coordination with the
6 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
7 vention, determines to have the highest per capita
8 hospitalization rates for confirmed cases of COVID–
9 19.

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