

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8892

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to support rural residency training funding and promote partnerships with urban teaching hospitals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2020

Mr. WENSTRUP (for himself and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama) 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

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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-Urban Physician
5 Workforce Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROMOTING RURAL HOSPITAL GME FUNDING OP-**
 2 **PORTUNITY.**

3 Section 1886(h)(4)(H)(iv) of the Social Security Act
 4 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(iv)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “(iv) NONRURAL HOSPITAL OP-
 6 ERATING TRAINING PROGRAMS IN RURAL AREAS.—

7 In the case of” and inserting the following:

8 “(iv) TRAINING PROGRAMS IN RURAL
 9 AREAS.—

10 “(I) COST REPORTING PERIODS
 11 BEGINNING BEFORE OCTOBER 1,
 12 2022.—For cost reporting periods be-
 13 ginning before October 1, 2022, in the
 14 case of”; and

15 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 16 clause:

17 “(II) COST REPORTING PERIODS
 18 BEGINNING ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1,
 19 2022.—For cost reporting periods be-
 20 ginning on or after October 1, 2022,
 21 in the case of a hospital not located in
 22 a rural area but establishes approved
 23 medical residency training programs
 24 (or rural tracks) in a rural area, the
 25 Secretary shall, subject to paragraphs
 26 (7) and (8) and in a manner con-

1 sistent with the principles of subpara-
2 graphs (F), (G), and (H)(i), promul-
3 gate rules for the application of such
4 subparagraphs with respect to such a
5 program and, in accordance with such
6 rules, adjust in an appropriate man-
7 ner the limitation under subparagraph
8 (F) for such hospital and each such
9 hospital located in a rural area that
10 participates in such a training.”.

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