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S. 474

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a minimum
Medicaid disproportionate share hospital allotment for States.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 5), 2025

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. CRAMER, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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a minimum Medicaid disproportionate share hospital al-
lotment for States.

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 “Fair Funding for
5 Rural Hospitals Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM MEDICAID DSH ALLOTMENT.**

7 Section 1923(f)(6) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1396r–4(f)(6)) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following new subparagraph:

1 “(C) MINIMUM DSH ALLOTMENT FOR FIS-
 2 CAL YEARS AFTER 2024.—

3 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
 4 the table set forth in paragraph (2) or the
 5 reductions required under paragraph (7),
 6 for fiscal year 2025 and each succeeding
 7 fiscal year, the DSH allotment for any
 8 State shall not be less than the minimum
 9 DSH allotment amount established for the
 10 fiscal year under clause (ii).

11 “(ii) MINIMUM DSH ALLOTMENT
 12 AMOUNT.—The minimum DSH allotment
 13 amount established under this clause—

14 “(I) for each of fiscal years 2025
 15 through 2029, shall be equal to
 16 \$20,000,000; and

17 “(II) for fiscal year 2030 and
 18 each succeeding fiscal year, shall be
 19 equal to the minimum DSH allotment
 20 amount established under this clause
 21 for the preceding fiscal year, subject
 22 to an increase for inflation as pro-
 23 vided in paragraph (3)(A).”.

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