

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2594

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payments for certain rural health clinic and federally qualified health center services furnished to hospice patients under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2019

Mr. KIND (for himself and Mrs. WALORSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Access to Hos-
5 pice Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN FEDERALLY**
2 **QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER AND RURAL**
3 **HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES FURNISHED TO**
4 **HOSPICE PATIENTS.**

5 Section 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395m) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (o), by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(4) PAYMENT FOR ATTENDING PHYSICIAN
10 SERVICES FURNISHED BY FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
11 HEALTH CENTERS TO HOSPICE PATIENTS.—In the
12 case of services described in section
13 1812(d)(2)(A)(ii) furnished on or after January 1,
14 2020, by an attending physician (as defined in sec-
15 tion 1861(dd)(3)(B), other than a physician or prac-
16 titioner who is employed by a hospice program) who
17 is employed by or working under contract with a
18 Federally qualified health center, a Federally quali-
19 fied health center shall be paid for such services
20 under the prospective payment system under this
21 subsection.”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
23 section:

24 “(x) PAYMENT FOR ATTENDING PHYSICIAN SERV-
25 ICES FURNISHED BY RURAL HEALTH CLINICS TO HOS-
26 PICE PATIENTS.—In the case of services described in sec-

1 tion 1812(d)(2)(A)(ii) furnished on or after January 1,
2 2020, by an attending physician (as defined in section
3 1861(dd)(3)(B), other than a physician or practitioner
4 who is employed by a hospice program) who is employed
5 by or working under contract with a rural health clinic,
6 a rural health clinic shall be paid for such services under
7 the methodology for all-inclusive rates (established by the
8 Secretary) under section 1833(a)(3), subject to the limits
9 described in section 1833(f).”.

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