

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3091

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit certain clinics to qualify as a rural emergency hospital under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 19, 2023

Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 Inclusion Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING CERTAIN CLINICS TO QUALIFY AS A**
6 **MEDICARE RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITAL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(kkk) of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(kkk)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (3)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or”
2 at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(C) was a Federally qualified health cen-
8 ter (as defined in subsection (aa)(4)) that for-
9 merly participated in the frontier extended stay
10 clinic demonstration under section 434 of the
11 Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and
12 Modernization Act of 2003.”; and

13 (2) in subparagraph (4)(B)(i), by inserting “or,
14 in the case of a facility described in paragraph
15 (3)(C), as a Federally qualified health center,” after
16 “1886(d)(1)(B),”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of
19 this Act.

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