

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5276

To provide for the relief of hospitals treating rural populations under the current calculation of the wage index modifier for the prospective payment under Medicare.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 7, 1994

Mr. REGULA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## **A BILL**

To provide for the relief of hospitals treating rural populations under the current calculation of the wage index modifier for the prospective payment under Medicare.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 That section 1886 of the Social Security Act of 1935 (42

4 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(E)) is amended by adding the fol-

5 lowing new paragraph at the end thereof:

6 “(F) Not later than October 1, 1995, and

7 ending October 1, 1996, the Secretary shall up-

8 date the factor under this subparagraph for

9 each hospital in a rural area, or at the request

1 of a hospital in an urban area whose wage  
2 index is not greater than .06 of the wage index  
3 for rural areas of such State and which dem-  
4 onstrates its net inpatient care revenues from  
5 rural areas during prior five fiscal years exceed  
6 20 percent of its total of such net inpatient care  
7 revenues during the same period, for such hos-  
8 pital by an added amount of not less than .05,  
9 nor greater than .10, in proportion to the ratio  
10 of current total wages and wage-related costs of  
11 the hospital to such costs at the time of their  
12 last adjustment.”.

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