

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4996

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the reduction in the market basket percentage increase under the prospective payment system under the Medicare Program for payments to small rural hospitals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2000

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mrs. EMERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELIMINATION OF RURAL HOSPITAL MARKET**  
2 **BASKET INCREASE PERCENTAGE REDUC-**  
3 **TION.**

4 Subclauses (XVI) and (XVII) of section  
5 1886(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(i)) are amended to read as follows:

7 “(XVI) for fiscal year 2001, the market basket  
8 percentage increase minus 1.1 percentage points for  
9 hospitals (other than sole community hospitals and  
10 hospitals located in a rural area with less than 100  
11 beds) in all areas, and the market basket percentage  
12 increase for sole community hospitals and hospitals  
13 located in a rural area with less than 100 beds,

14 “(XVII) for fiscal year 2002, the market basket  
15 percentage increase minus 1.1 percentage points for  
16 hospitals (other than hospitals located in a rural  
17 area with less than 100 beds) in all areas and the  
18 market basket percentage increase hospitals located  
19 in a rural area with less than 100 beds, and”.

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