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To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to clarify the application of EHR payment incentives in cases of multi-campus hospitals.

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Equal Access and Par-
3 ity for Multi-Campus Hospitals Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF INCENTIVES FOR MULTI-CAM-**
5 **PUS HOSPITALS FOR ADOPTION AND MEAN-**
6 **INGFUL USE OF CERTIFIED ELECTRONIC**
7 **HEALTH RECORDS.**

8 (a) SPECIAL RULE FOR APPLYING MEDICARE EHR
9 INCENTIVE PAYMENTS TO REMOTE INPATIENT LOCA-
10 TIONS OF A HOSPITAL.—Section 1886(n) of the Social Se-
11 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(n)) is amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
13 following new subparagraph:

14 “(H) SPECIAL RULE FOR REMOTE INPA-
15 TIENT LOCATIONS OF A HOSPITAL.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an
17 eligible hospital that consists of a qualified
18 main provider and one or more qualified
19 remote inpatient locations, the hospital
20 may elect (in such form and manner as
21 specified by the Secretary) for all applica-
22 ble payment years to—

23 “(I) substitute the base amount
24 alternative described in clause (ii) for
25 the base amount described in subpara-
26 graph (A)(i)(I); or

1 “(II) substitute the discharge re-
2 lated amount alternative described in
3 clause (iii) for the discharge related
4 amount described in subparagraph
5 (A)(i)(II).

6 The election described in the previous sen-
7 tence, with respect to an eligible hospital,
8 shall be made once for such hospital and
9 shall apply to such hospital for all applica-
10 ble payment years.

11 “(ii) BASE AMOUNT ALTERNATIVE.—
12 The base amount alternative described in
13 this clause with respect to an eligible hos-
14 pital is the product of—

15 “(I) the base amount specified in
16 subparagraph (B); and

17 “(II) the total number of all
18 qualified component facilities of the
19 hospital.

20 An election to substitute the base amount
21 alternative described in this clause shall
22 not affect the computation of the discharge
23 related amount specified in subparagraph
24 (C) for the eligible hospital.

1 “(iii) DISCHARGE RELATED AMOUNT
2 ALTERNATIVE.—The discharge related
3 amount alternative described in this clause
4 with respect to an eligible hospital for a
5 12-month period is determined as follows:

6 “(I) First, compute the amount
7 under subparagraph (C) as if the
8 phrase ‘estimated based upon total
9 discharges for the eligible hospital (re-
10 gardless of any source of payment) for
11 the period divided by the total number
12 of all component facilities of the hos-
13 pital’ were substituted for the phrase
14 ‘estimated based upon total discharges
15 for the eligible hospital (regardless of
16 any source of payment) for the pe-
17 riod’.

18 “(II) Then multiply the amount
19 computed under subclause (I) by the
20 total number of all qualified compo-
21 nent facilities of such hospital.

22 “(iv) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of
23 this subsection:

24 “(I) APPLICABLE PAYMENT
25 YEAR.—The term ‘applicable payment

1 year' means the first payment year
2 for which a hospital makes an election
3 described in clause (i) and each subse-
4 quent payment year applicable to such
5 hospital.

6 “(II) COMPONENT FACILITY;
7 QUALIFIED COMPONENT FACILITY.—
8 The term ‘component facility’ means,
9 with respect to an eligible hospital,
10 the main provider or any remote inpa-
11 tient location of such hospital. The
12 term ‘qualified component facility’
13 means, with respect to a main pro-
14 vider, a qualified main provider and,
15 with respect to a remote inpatient lo-
16 cation, a qualified remote inpatient lo-
17 cation.

18 “(III) MAIN PROVIDER; QUALI-
19 FIED MAIN PROVIDER.—The term
20 ‘main provider’, with respect to an eli-
21 gible hospital, has the meaning given
22 such term in section 413.65(a)(2) of
23 title 42, Code of Federal Regulations.
24 The term ‘qualified main provider’
25 means a main provider that is a

1 meaningful EHR user for the report-
2 ing period involved.

3 “(IV) REMOTE INPATIENT LOCA-
4 TION; QUALIFIED REMOTE INPATIENT
5 LOCATION.—The term ‘remote inpa-
6 tient location’ means, with respect to
7 an eligible hospital, a remote location
8 of a hospital, as defined in and ap-
9 plied under section 413.65 of title 42,
10 Code of Federal Regulations, that
11 provides inpatient hospital services
12 that are paid for under subsection (d).
13 The term ‘qualified remote inpatient
14 location’ means, with respect to an eli-
15 gible hospital, a location for which the
16 eligible hospital has submitted to the
17 Secretary, for the reporting period in-
18 volved, an attestation (in such form
19 and manner as specified by the Sec-
20 retary) that certifies that the location
21 is a remote inpatient location and a
22 meaningful EHR user for such pe-
23 riod.”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (4)(A)—

1 (A) at the end of clause (ii), by striking
2 “and”;

3 (B) at the end of clause (iii), by striking
4 the period and inserting a semicolon; and

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

7 “(iv) the methodology and standards
8 for determining a remote inpatient loca-
9 tion, a qualified remote inpatient location,
10 a component facility, a qualified compo-
11 nent facility, a main provider, and a quali-
12 fied main provider, as such terms are de-
13 fined in paragraph (2)(H)(iv), and which
14 such locations, facilities, and providers are
15 qualified remote inpatient locations, quali-
16 fied component facilities, and qualified
17 main providers, as such terms are defined
18 in such paragraph; and

19 “(v) the methodology and standards
20 for the election described in paragraph
21 (2)(H).”.

22 (b) IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION.—

23 (1) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any
24 other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services may implement by program instruc-
2 tion or otherwise this section.

3 (2) ADMINISTRATION.—Chapter 35 of title 44,
4 United States Code, shall not apply to the collection
5 of information to carry out the amendments made
6 by this section.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section shall apply as if included in the enactment
9 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
10 (Public Law 111–5).

11 **SEC. 3. CLARIFICATION FOR MEDICAID EHR PAYMENT IN-**
12 **CENTIVES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903(t)(5) of the Social
14 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(t)(5)) is amended—

15 (1) by adding at the end the following new sub-
16 paragraph:

17 “(E) For purposes of determining the ap-
18 plicable amounts specified in subparagraph (A)
19 of section 1886(n)(2), as applied by the first
20 sentence of subparagraph (B)—

21 “(i) the provisions of subparagraph
22 (H) of such section shall apply to a Med-
23 icaid provider described in paragraph
24 (2)(B) consisting of a qualified main pro-
25 vider and one or more qualified remote in-

1 patient locations (as such terms are de-
2 fined in clause (iv) of such subparagraph
3 (H)) in the same manner and to the same
4 extent that such subparagraph applies to
5 an eligible hospital described in clause (i)
6 of such subparagraph, except that—

7 “(I) in applying the second sen-
8 tence of clause (iv)(IV) of such sub-
9 paragraph, with respect to a Medicaid
10 provider described in paragraph
11 (2)(B), in lieu of certifying that a re-
12 mote inpatient location is a meaning-
13 ful EHR user, the Medicaid provider
14 shall certify that the remote inpatient
15 location is described in paragraph
16 (2)(B) and is in compliance with
17 paragraph (6)(C) of this subsection
18 for the year of payment involved; and

19 “(II) the first sentence of clause
20 (iv)(IV) of such subparagraph shall be
21 applied in the case of a Medicaid pro-
22 vider described in paragraph (2)(B)(i)
23 without regard to the requirement
24 that inpatient hospital services pro-

1 vided are paid for under section
2 1886(d); and

3 “(ii) an election made under subpara-
4 graph (H) of such section by an eligible
5 hospital described in clause (i) of such sub-
6 paragraph that is a Medicaid provider de-
7 scribed in paragraph (2)(B), shall apply.

8 The Secretary may make appropriate adjust-
9 ments to the overall hospital EHR amount
10 under subparagraph (B), with respect to a
11 Medicaid provider described in paragraph
12 (2)(B), to take into account the provisions of
13 this subparagraph.”; and

14 (2) in the first sentence of subparagraph (B),
15 by inserting “and subject to subparagraph (E)”
16 after “For purposes of this paragraph”.

17 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
18 this section shall apply as if included in the enactment
19 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
20 (Public Law 111–5).

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