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# H. R. 4735

To extend the deadline for eligible health care providers to use certain funds received from the COVID–19 Provider Relief Fund, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 28, 2021

Mrs. AXNE (for herself and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Provider Relief Fund  
5 Deadline Extension Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR ELIGIBLE HEALTH**  
7 **CARE PROVIDERS TO USE CERTAIN FUNDS**  
8 **RECEIVED FROM THE COVID-19 PROVIDER**  
9 **RELIEF FUND.**

10 (a) **EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.**—

1           (1) PAYMENT RECEIVED PERIOD 1.—Effective  
2           June 29, 2021, the deadline by which an eligible  
3           health care provider is required to use reimburse-  
4           ments from the Provider Relief Fund received by  
5           such provider during the covered payment received  
6           period shall be extended until the later of—

7                     (A) the end of the COVID–19 public  
8                     health emergency period; or

9                     (B) December 31, 2021.

10           (2) ADJUSTMENT OF REPORTING TIME PE-  
11           RIOD.—The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
12           ices shall make appropriate adjustments to the re-  
13           porting time period established by the Secretary that  
14           is applicable to eligible health care providers with re-  
15           spect to the use of reimbursements from the Pro-  
16           vider Relief Fund received during the payment re-  
17           ceived period to reflect the deadline established in  
18           paragraph (1) for the use of such reimbursements  
19           received during such payment received period.

20           (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21                     (1) COVERED PAYMENT RECEIVED PERIOD.—  
22                     The term “covered payment received period” means,  
23                     with respect to the Payment Received Periods re-  
24                     ferred to in the Provider Relief Fund Guidance, the

1 payments beginning on April 10, 2020, and ending  
2 on June 30, 2020.

3 (2) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
4 PERIOD.—The term “COVID–19 public health emer-  
5 gency period” means the emergency period described  
6 in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act  
7 (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)(1)(B)).

8 (3) ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The  
9 term “eligible health care provider” has the meaning  
10 given such term in the third proviso of the third  
11 paragraph under the heading “Department of  
12 Health and Human Services—Office of the Sec-  
13 retary—Public Health and Social Services Emer-  
14 gency Fund” in division B of the CARES Act (Pub-  
15 lic Law 116–136).

16 (4) PROVIDER RELIEF FUND.—The term “Pro-  
17 vider Relief Fund” means the program to prevent,  
18 prepare for, and respond to COVID–19, domestically  
19 or internationally, for necessary expenses to reim-  
20 burse, through grants or other mechanisms, eligible  
21 health care providers for health care related ex-  
22 penses or lost revenues that are attributable to  
23 COVID–19 for which appropriations are made—

24 (A) under the heading “Department of  
25 Health and Human Services—Office of the Sec-

1           retary—Public Health and Social Services  
2           Emergency Fund” in title VIII of division B of  
3           the CARES Act (Public Law 116–136); and

4           (B) under the heading “Department of  
5           Health and Human Services—Office of the Sec-  
6           retary—Public Health and Social Services  
7           Emergency Fund” in title I of division B of the  
8           Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care  
9           Enhancement Act (Public Law 116–139).

10          (5) PROVIDER RELIEF FUND GUIDANCE.—The  
11          term “Provider Relief Fund Guidance” refers to the  
12          guidance entitled “Provider Relief Fund General and  
13          Targeted Distribution Post-Payment Notice of Re-  
14          porting Requirement” and issued by the Secretary of  
15          Health and Human Services on June 11, 2021.

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