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H. R. 9001

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise certain physician self-referral exemptions relating to physician-owned hospitals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BURGESS (for himself, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. GRIFFITH, and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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 “Physician Led and
5 Rural Access to Quality Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVISING CERTAIN PHYSICIAN SELF-REFERRAL EX-**
2 **EMPTIONS RELATING TO PHYSICIAN-OWNED**
3 **HOSPITALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1877 of the Social Secu-
5 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395nn) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) in paragraph (2)(C), by inserting
8 “(other than a covered rural hospital (as de-
9 fined in subsection (h)))” after “a hospital”;
10 and

11 (B) in paragraph (3)(D), by inserting “in
12 the case of a hospital other than a covered rural
13 hospital (as defined in subsection (h)),” before
14 “the hospital”; and

15 (2) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
16 following new paragraph:

17 “(8) COVERED RURAL HOSPITAL.—The term
18 ‘covered rural hospital’ means a hospital that—

19 “(A) is located in a rural area (as defined
20 in section 1886(d)(2)(D)); and

21 “(B) as of the date that such hospital en-
22 rolls under this title, is located more than a 35-
23 mile drive (or, in the case of mountainous ter-
24 rain or in areas with only secondary roads
25 available, a 15-mile drive) from a hospital or a
26 critical access hospital.”.

1 (b) ALLOWING FOR EXPANSION OF EXISTING PHYSI-
2 CIAN-OWNED HOSPITALS.—Section 1877(i) of the Social
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395nn(i)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “in para-
5 graph (3)” and inserting “in paragraph (3) or (7)”;
6 and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new
8 paragraph:

9 “(7) SUNSET OF EXPANSION PROHIBITION.—
10 The requirement described in paragraph (1)(B) shall
11 not apply beginning on the date of the enactment of
12 this paragraph.”.

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