

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8218

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for increased Medicare payment for certain rural providers of ambulance services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2020

Mr. GIANFORTE 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 “Rural Ambulance Re-
5 imbursement Fairness Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN RURAL PRO-**
2 **VIDERS OF AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (8) of section 1834(l)
4 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)) is amend-
5 ed in the matter following subparagraph (B), by inserting
6 “(or, in the case of mountainous terrain or in areas with
7 only secondary roads available, a 15-mile drive)” after
8 “within a 35-mile drive”.

9 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to ambulance serv-
11 ices furnished on or after January 1, 2021.

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