

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 8294

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a waiver of certain criteria with respect to the designation of a critical access hospital.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2024

Mr. VAN ORDEN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 Healthcare Revi-
5 talization Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF CERTAIN CRITERIA WITH RESPECT TO**
7 **THE DESIGNATION OF A CRITICAL ACCESS**
8 **HOSPITAL.**

9 Section 1820(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1395i–4(c)(2)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (B), in the matter pre-
2 ceding clause (i), by striking “A State may des-
3 ignate” and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (F),
4 a State may designate”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 paragraph:

7 “(F) WAIVER OF CERTAIN CRITERIA WITH
8 RESPECT TO THE DESIGNATION OF A CRITICAL
9 ACCESS HOSPITAL.—

10 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
11 (ii), in the case of a metropolitan statis-
12 tical area in which a CMS-accredited facil-
13 ity (as described in section 103.30(f)(2) of
14 title 29, Code of Federal Regulations) with
15 300 beds or fewer has terminated oper-
16 ations, the State in which metropolitan
17 statistical area is located may waive the re-
18 quirements described in subparagraph
19 (B)(i) with respect to a subsequent facility
20 located in such metropolitan statistical
21 area for purposes of designating such facil-
22 ity as a critical access hospital.

23 “(ii) REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED.—
24 For purposes of clause (i), a subsequent
25 facility shall—

1 “(I) provide not more than 10
2 beds;

3 “(II) meet the requirements de-
4 scribed in clauses (ii) through (v) of
5 subparagraph (B); and

6 “(III) meet the requirements de-
7 scribed in section 340B(a)(4)(L)(i) of
8 the Public Health Service Act.”.

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