

HR 7759

Saving Rural Hospitals from Closure Act

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| Ways and Means Committee | House | Referred to | Jul 23, 2020 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Health

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jul 23, 2020)

Saving Rural Hospitals from Closure Act

This bill modifies requirements for the Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment Program during the public health emergency relating to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019). The program provides Medicare payments in advance to eligible providers experiencing claims or cash flow disruptions, such as during national emergencies; the program was specifically expanded in response to COVID-19 to encompass more types of providers, subject to certain recoupment and repayment provisions.

The bill allows the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to forgive repayment, extend the recoupment timeline, and lower applicable interest rates for hospitals experiencing significant financial hardship (e.g., impending bankruptcy).

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 23, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 23, 2020:** Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- **Jul 23, 2020:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.

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