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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend Medicare-dependent hospital and Medicare low-volume hospital payments.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Assistance for Rural
5 Community Hospitals Act of 2022” or the “ARCH Act
6 of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING MEDICARE-DEPENDENT HOSPITAL AND**
2 **MEDICARE LOW-VOLUME HOSPITAL PAY-**
3 **MENTS.**

4 (a) MDH EXTENSION.—

5 (1) EXTENSION OF PAYMENT METHODOLOGY.—

6 Section 1886(d)(5)(G) of the Social Security Act (42
7 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(G)) is amended—

8 (A) in clause (i), by striking “October 1,
9 2022” and inserting “October 1, 2027”; and

10 (B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “October
11 1, 2022” and inserting “October 1, 2027”.

12 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (A) EXTENSION OF TARGET AMOUNT.—

14 Section 1886(b)(3)(D) of the Social Security
15 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(D)) is amend-
16 ed—

17 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
18 by striking “October 1, 2022” and insert-
19 ing “October 1, 2027”; and

20 (ii) in clause (iv), by striking “2022”
21 and inserting “2027”.

22 (B) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE
23 RECLASSIFICATION.—Section 13501(e)(2) of
24 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993
25 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww note) is amended by strik-
26 ing “2022” and inserting “2027”.

1 (b) LVH EXTENSION.—Section 1886(d)(12) of the
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(12)) is amend-
3 ed—

4 (1) in subparagraph (B), in the matter pre-
5 ceding clause (i), by striking “2023” and inserting
6 “2028”;

7 (2) in subparagraph (C)(i)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding subclause (I),
9 by striking “2022” and inserting “2027”;

10 (B) in subclause (III), by striking “2022”
11 and inserting “2027”; and

12 (C) in subclause (IV), by striking “2023”
13 and inserting “2028”; and

14 (3) in subparagraph (D), by striking “2022”
15 each place it appears and inserting “2027” in each
16 such place.