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## AN ACT

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
 5 “Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of  
 6 2015”.

7 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents of  
 8 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

**TITLE I—SGR REPEAL AND MEDICARE PROVIDER PAYMENT  
 MODERNIZATION**

Sec. 101. Repealing the sustainable growth rate (SGR) and improving Medicare  
 payment for physicians’ services.

Sec. 102. Priorities and funding for measure development.

Sec. 103. Encouraging care management for individuals with chronic care  
 needs.

Sec. 104. Empowering beneficiary choices through continued access to informa-  
 tion on physicians’ services.

Sec. 105. Expanding availability of Medicare data.

Sec. 106. Reducing administrative burden and other provisions.

**TITLE II—MEDICARE AND OTHER HEALTH EXTENDERS**

**Subtitle A—Medicare Extenders**

Sec. 201. Extension of work GPCI floor.

Sec. 202. Extension of therapy cap exceptions process.

Sec. 203. Extension of ambulance add-ons.

Sec. 204. Extension of increased inpatient hospital payment adjustment for cer-  
 tain low-volume hospitals.

Sec. 205. Extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program.

Sec. 206. Extension for specialized Medicare Advantage plans for special needs  
 individuals.

Sec. 207. Extension of funding for quality measure endorsement, input, and se-  
 lection.

Sec. 208. Extension of funding outreach and assistance for low-income pro-  
 grams.

Sec. 209. Extension and transition of reasonable cost reimbursement contracts.

Sec. 210. Extension of home health rural add-on.

**Subtitle B—Other Health Extenders**

Sec. 211. Permanent extension of the qualifying individual (QI) program.

Sec. 212. Permanent extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA).

1 **SEC. 524. EXTENSION OF SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND**  
2 **COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT OF**  
3 **2000.**

4 (a) PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND  
5 2015.—

6 (1) PAYMENTS REQUIRED.—Section 101 of the  
7 Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-  
8 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended  
9 by striking “2013” both places it appears and in-  
10 sserting “2015”.

11 (2) PROMPT PAYMENT.—Payments for fiscal  
12 year 2014 under title I of the Secure Rural Schools  
13 and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16  
14 U.S.C. 7111 et seq.), as amended by this section,  
15 shall be made not later than 45 days after the date  
16 of the enactment of this Act.

17 (3) REDUCTION IN FISCAL YEAR 2014 PAY-  
18 MENTS ON ACCOUNT OF PREVIOUS 25- AND 50-PER-  
19 CENT PAYMENTS.—Section 101 of the Secure Rural  
20 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of  
21 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended by adding at the  
22 end the following new subsection:

23 “(c) SPECIAL RULE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014 PAY-  
24 MENTS.—

25 “(1) STATE PAYMENT.—If an eligible county in  
26 a State that will receive a share of the State pay-

1 ment for fiscal year 2014 has already received, or  
2 will receive, a share of the 25-percent payment for  
3 fiscal year 2014 distributed to the State before the  
4 date of the enactment of this subsection, the amount  
5 of the State payment shall be reduced by the  
6 amount of that eligible county's share of the 25-per-  
7 cent payment.

8 “(2) COUNTY PAYMENT.—If an eligible county  
9 that will receive a county payment for fiscal year  
10 2014 has already received a 50-percent payment for  
11 that fiscal year, the amount of the county payment  
12 shall be reduced by the amount of the 50-percent  
13 payment.”.

14 (4) SHARES OF CALIFORNIA STATE PAY-  
15 MENT.—Section 103(d)(2) of the Secure Rural  
16 Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of  
17 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7113(d)(2)) is amended by striking  
18 “2013” and inserting “2015”.

19 (b) USE OF FISCAL YEAR 2013 ELECTIONS AND  
20 RESERVATIONS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015.—  
21 Section 102 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community  
22 Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112) is  
23 amended—

24 (1) in subsection (b)(1), by adding at the end  
25 the following new subparagraph:

1           “(C) EFFECT OF LATE PAYMENT FOR FIS-  
2           CAL YEARS 2014 AND 2015.—The election other-  
3           wise required by subparagraph (A) shall not  
4           apply for fiscal year 2014 or 2015.”;

5           (2) in subsection (b)(2)—

6           (A) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the  
7           end the following new sentence: “If such two-  
8           fiscal year period included fiscal year 2013, the  
9           county election to receive a share of the 25-per-  
10          cent payment or 50-percent payment, as appli-  
11          cable, also shall be effective for fiscal years  
12          2014 and 2015.”; and

13          (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking  
14          “2013” the second place it appears and insert-  
15          ing “2015”; and

16          (3) in subsection (d)—

17          (A) by adding at the end of paragraph (1)  
18          the following new subparagraph:

19          “(E) EFFECT OF LATE PAYMENT FOR FIS-  
20          CAL YEAR 2014.—The election made by an eligi-  
21          ble county under subparagraph (B), (C), or (D)  
22          for fiscal year 2013, or deemed to be made by  
23          the county under paragraph (3)(B) for that fis-  
24          cal year, shall be effective for fiscal years 2014  
25          and 2015.”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end of paragraph (3)  
2 the following new subparagraph:

3 “(C) EFFECT OF LATE PAYMENT FOR FIS-  
4 CAL YEAR 2014.—This paragraph does not apply  
5 for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.”.

6 (c) SPECIAL PROJECTS ON FEDERAL LAND.—Title  
7 II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-  
8 mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7121 et seq.) is amend-  
9 ed—

10 (1) in section 203(a)(1) (16 U.S.C.  
11 7123(a)(1)), by striking “September 30 for fiscal  
12 year 2008 (or as soon thereafter as the Secretary  
13 concerned determines is practicable), and each Sep-  
14 tember 30 thereafter for each succeeding fiscal year  
15 through fiscal year 2013” and inserting “September  
16 30 of each fiscal year (or a later date specified by  
17 the Secretary concerned for the fiscal year)”;

18 (2) in section 204(e)(3)(B)(iii) (16 U.S.C.  
19 7124(e)(3)(B)(iii)), by striking “each of fiscal years  
20 2010 through 2013” and inserting “fiscal year 2010  
21 and fiscal years thereafter”;

22 (3) in section 207(a) (16 U.S.C. 7127(a)), by  
23 striking “September 30, 2008 (or as soon thereafter  
24 as the Secretary concerned determines is prac-  
25 ticable), and each September 30 thereafter for each

1 succeeding fiscal year through fiscal year 2013” and  
2 inserting “September 30 of each fiscal year (or a  
3 later date specified by the Secretary concerned for  
4 the fiscal year)”;

5 (4) in section 208 (16 U.S.C. 7128)—

6 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “2013”  
7 and inserting “2017”; and

8 (B) in subsection (b), by striking “2014”  
9 and inserting “2018”.

10 (d) COUNTY FUNDS.—Section 304 of the Secure  
11 Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of  
12 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7144) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “2013” and  
14 inserting “2017”; and

15 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “2014” and  
16 inserting “2018”.

17 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
18 402 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-De-  
19 termination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7152) is amended by  
20 striking “for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013”.

21 **SEC. 525. EXCLUSION FROM PAYGO SCORECARDS.**

22 (a) STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARDS.—The  
23 budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either  
24 PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of  
25 the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

1           (b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary  
2 effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO  
3 scorecard maintained for purposes of section 201 of S.  
4 Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress).

          Passed the House of Representatives March 26,  
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Attest:

*Clerk.*



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