

AMENDMENT TO THE
SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1
OFFERED BY MS. TOKUDA

At the end of title VII, add the following new section:

SEC. __. CERTIFICATION OF IMPACTS ON RURAL HEALTH CARE.

This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall only take effect upon the Secretary of Health and Human Services certifying in writing that the reductions and rescissions made by this Act will not:

1. materially reduce the financial viability of rural hospitals and providers;
2. adversely affect access to necessary health care services for patients served by rural hospitals and providers; or
3. impair the ability of rural hospitals and providers to continue providing essential health care services.

Not later than one year after enactment, the Government Accountability Office shall submit to Congress a report assessing the financial impacts, access to care, and overall viability of rural hospitals and providers resulting from the implementation of this Act.