

**AMENDMENT TO AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
OF 2021
OFFERED BY MR. BURGESS OF TEXAS**

At the end of subtitle A of title III, insert the following:

**1 CHAPTER 8—ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND
2 SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND
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**4 SEC. 3071. ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO THE PROVIDER RELIEF FUND.
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6 In addition to amounts otherwise available, there is
7 appropriated to the “Public Health and Social Services
8 Emergency Fund”, \$35,000,000,000, to remain available
9 until expended, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to
10 coronavirus, domestically or internationally, for necessary
11 expenses to reimburse, through grants or other mechanisms,
12 eligible health care providers for health care related
13 expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to
14 coronavirus. Of the eligible health care providers that are
15 recipients of payments under this section, \$5,000,000,000
16 of such amount shall be for Medicaid enrolled suppliers
17 and providers and \$7,000,000,000 of such amount shall
18 be for suppliers and providers located in a rural area (as

1 defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(2)(D)). These funds may not
3 be used to reimburse expenses or losses that have been
4 reimbursed from other sources or that other sources are
5 obligated to reimburse. Recipients of payments under this
6 section shall submit reports and maintain documentation
7 as the Secretary determines are needed to ensure compli-
8 ance with conditions that are imposed by this section for
9 such payments, and such reports and documentation shall
10 be in such form, with such content, and in such time as
11 the Secretary may prescribe for such purpose. In this sec-
12 tion, the term “eligible health care providers” means pub-
13 lic entities, Medicare or Medicaid enrolled suppliers and
14 providers, and such for-profit entities and not-for-profit
15 entities not otherwise described in this sentence as the
16 Secretary may specify, within the United States (including
17 territories), that provide diagnoses, testing, or care for in-
18 dividuals with possible or actual cases of COVID–19. The
19 Secretary shall, on a rolling basis, review applications and
20 make payments under this section. Funds appropriated
21 under this section shall be available for building or con-
22 struction of temporary structures, leasing of properties,
23 medical supplies and equipment including personal protec-
24 tive equipment and testing supplies, increased workforce
25 and trainings, emergency operation centers, retrofitting

1 facilities, and surge capacity. In this section, the term
2 “payment” means a pre-payment, prospective payment, or
3 retrospective payment, as determined appropriate by the
4 Secretary. Payments under this section shall be made in
5 consideration of the most efficient payment systems prac-
6 ticable to provide emergency payment. To be eligible for
7 a payment under this section, an eligible health care pro-
8 vider shall submit to the Secretary an application that in-
9 cludes a statement justifying the need of the provider for
10 the payment and the eligible health care provider shall
11 have a valid tax identification number. Not later than 3
12 years after final payments are made under this section,
13 the Office of Inspector General of the Department of
14 Health and Human Services shall transmit a final report
15 on audit findings with respect to this program to the Com-
16 mittees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
17 and the Senate. Nothing in this section limits the author-
18 ity of the Inspector General or the Comptroller General
19 to conduct audits of interim payments at an earlier date.
20 Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this
21 Act, the Secretary shall provide a report to the Commit-
22 tees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
23 and the Senate on obligation of funds, including obliga-
24 tions to such eligible health care providers summarized by
25 State of the payment receipt. Such reports shall be up-

1 dated and submitted to such Committees every 60 days
2 until funds are expended. Such amount is designated by
3 the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pur-
4 suant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget
5 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985. Such amount
6 is subject to the requirements contained in Public Law
7 116–94 for funds for programs authorized under sections
8 330 through 340 of the Public Health Service Act.

Page 284, line 14, insert “(reduced by
\$35,000,000,000)” after the dollar amount.

