

AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. O'HALLERAN OF ARIZONA

Add at the end of title VIII the following new section (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 812. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IMPROVE-**
2 **MENTS IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COM-**
3 **MUNITIES.**

4 (a) RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY GME
5 GRANT PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
7 Human Service (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
8 retary”) shall establish a rural and underserved commu-
9 nity graduate medical education grant program under
10 which the Secretary shall award grants to specified hos-
11 pitals (as defined in subsection (b)) that have not estab-
12 lished an approved medical residency training program (as
13 defined for purposes of section 1886(h) of the Social Secu-
14 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h))) in order to encourage
15 such hospitals to establish such a program, or to establish
16 an affiliation with a hospital that has established such a
17 program in order to host residents under such program.

1 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under sub-
2 section (a) may be used by a specified hospital for any
3 initial costs associated with establishing such a program
4 or such an affiliation, including costs associated with fac-
5 ulty development, administration, infrastructure, supplies,
6 and legal and consultant services.

7 (c) SPECIFIED HOSPITAL DEFINED.—For purposes
8 of subsection (a), the term “specified hospital” means a
9 hospital or critical access hospital (as such terms are de-
10 fined in section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
11 1395x)) that—

12 (1) is—

13 (A) located in a rural area (as defined in
14 section 1886(d)(2)(D) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1395ww(d)(2)(D))); or

16 (B) treated as being located in a rural area
17 pursuant to section 1886(d)(8)(E) of such Act
18 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(8)(E)); and

19 (2) is located in a medically underserved area
20 (as defined in section 330I(a) of the Public Health
21 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c–14(a))).

22 (d) CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL GRANT PRO-
23 GRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
24 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall establish a grant pro-
25 gram under which the Secretary awards grants to critical

1 access hospitals (as defined in section 1861 of the Social
2 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)) that do not have in effect
3 an affiliation with a hospital with an approved medical
4 residency training program to host residents of such pro-
5 gram in order to assist such critical access hospitals in
6 setting up such affiliations in order to host such residents.

7 (e) LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNTS.—No hospital
8 may receive an aggregate amount of grants under this sec-
9 tion in excess of \$250,000.

10 (f) REPORTS.—

11 (1) HHS.—Not later than 5 years after the
12 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
13 Health and Human Services shall submit to the
14 Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways
15 and Means of the House of Representatives and the
16 Committees on Finance and Health, Education,
17 Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a report on grad-
18 uate medical residency training programs of hos-
19 pitals that received a grant under subsection (a) or
20 (d). Such report shall include the following:

21 (A) The number of hospitals that applied
22 for a grant under this section.

23 (B) The number of hospitals that were
24 awarded such a grant.

1 (C) The number of residency positions cre-
2 ated by hospitals receiving such a grant.

3 (D) An estimate of the number of such po-
4 sitions such hospitals will create after the date
5 of the submission of such report.

6 (E) A description of any challenges faced
7 by hospitals in applying for such a grant or
8 using funds awarded under such a grant.

9 (2) GAO.—Not later than 10 years after the
10 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
11 General of the United States shall submit to Con-
12 gress a report containing an analysis of—

13 (A) the number of residents who trained at
14 a hospital or critical access hospital that re-
15 ceived a grant under subsection (a) or (d); and

16 (B) whether such residents continued to
17 practice medicine in a rural area (as defined in
18 section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(2)(D))) or in a
20 medically underserved area (as defined in sec-
21 tion 330I(a) of the Public Health Service Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 254c-14(a))) after completing such
23 training.

24 (g) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
25 priated such sums as are necessary for purposes of making

1 grants under this section for each of fiscal years 2020
2 through 2029.

