

AMENDMENT TO
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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 Part P of title III of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 280g et seq.) is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new section:

7 **“SEC. 399V-7. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IMPROVE-**
8 **MENTS IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COM-**
9 **MUNITIES.**

10 “(a) RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY GME
11 GRANT PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date
12 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services (in this section referred to as the ‘Sec-
14 retary’), acting through the Administrator of the Health
15 Resources and Services Administration, shall establish a
16 rural and underserved community graduate medical edu-
17 cation grant program under which the Secretary shall
18 award grants to specified hospitals (as defined in sub-

1 section (b)) that have not established an approved medical
2 residency training program (as defined for purposes of
3 section 1886(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1395ww(h))) in order to encourage such hospitals to es-
5 tablish such a program, or to establish an affiliation with
6 a hospital that has established such a program in order
7 to host residents under such program.

8 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under sub-
9 section (a) may be used by a specified hospital for any
10 initial costs associated with establishing such a program
11 or such an affiliation, including costs associated with fac-
12 ulty development, administration, infrastructure, supplies,
13 and legal and consultant services.

14 “(c) SPECIFIED HOSPITAL DEFINED.—For purposes
15 of subsection (a), the term ‘specified hospital’ means a
16 hospital or critical access hospital (as such terms are de-
17 fined in section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
18 1395x)) that—

19 “(1) is—

20 “(A) located in a rural area (as defined in
21 section 1886(d)(2)(D) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
22 1395ww(d)(2)(D))); or

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

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

4 “(d) CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL GRANT PRO-
5 GRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary, acting through the Admin-
7 istrator of the Health Resources and Services Administra-
8 tion, shall establish a grant program under which the Sec-
9 retary awards grants to critical access hospitals (as de-
10 fined in section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
11 1395x)) that do not have in effect an affiliation with a
12 hospital with an approved medical residency training pro-
13 gram to host residents of such program in order to assist
14 such critical access hospitals in setting up such affiliations
15 in order to host such residents.

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

19 “(f) REPORTS.—

20 “(1) HHS.—Not later than 5 years after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
22 Health and Human Services shall submit to the
23 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
24 of Representatives and the Committee on Health,
25 Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a re-

1 port on graduate medical residency training pro-
2 grams of hospitals that received a grant under sub-
3 section (a) or (d). Such report shall include the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(A) The number of hospitals that applied
6 for a grant under this section.

7 “(B) The number of hospitals that were
8 awarded such a grant.

9 “(C) The number of residency positions
10 created by hospitals receiving such a grant.

11 “(D) An estimate of the number of such
12 positions such hospitals will create after the
13 date of the submission of such report.

14 “(E) A description of any challenges faced
15 by hospitals in applying for such a grant or
16 using funds awarded under such a grant.

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

21 “(A) the number of residents who trained
22 at a hospital or critical access hospital that re-
23 ceived a grant under subsection (a) or (d); and

24 “(B) whether such residents continued to
25 practice medicine in a rural area (as defined in

1 section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(2)(D))) or in a
3 medically underserved area (as defined in sec-
4 tion 330I(a) of the Public Health Service Act
5 (42 U.S.C. 254c-14(a))) after completing such
6 training.

7 “(g) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appro-
8 priated such sums as are necessary for purposes of making
9 grants under this section for each of fiscal years 2020
10 through 2029.”.

