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 IMPROVEMENTS IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

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

“SEC. 399V–7. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION IMPROVEMENTS IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES.

“(a) RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY GME GRANT PROGRAM.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section referred to as the ‘Secretary’), acting through the Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, shall establish a rural and underserved community graduate medical education grant program under which the Secretary shall award grants to specified hospitals (as defined in sub-
section (b)) that have not established an approved medical
residency training program (as defined for purposes of
section 1886(h) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
1395ww(h))) in order to encourage such hospitals to es-
tablish such a program, or to establish an affiliation with
a hospital that has established such a program in order
to host residents under such program.

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

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

“(1) is—

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

“(B) treated as being located in a rural
area pursuant to section 1886(d)(8)(E) of such
Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(8)(E)); and
“(2) is located in a medically underserved area
(as defined in section 330I(a) of the Public Health
Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e–14(a))).

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

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

“(f) REPORTS.—

“(1) HHS.—Not later than 5 years after the
date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
Health and Human Services shall submit to the
Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
of Representatives and the Committee on Health,
Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a re-
port on graduate medical residency training programs of hospitals that received a grant under subsection (a) or (d). Such report shall include the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

“(A) the number of residents who trained at a hospital or critical access hospital that received a grant under subsection (a) or (d); and

“(B) whether such residents continued to practice medicine in a rural area (as defined in
section 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(2)(D))) or in a medically underserved area (as defined in section 330I(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254e–14(a))) after completing such training.

“(g) FUNDING.—There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary for purposes of making grants under this section for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2029.”.