

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-60
OFFERED BY MS. SCHAKOWSKY OF ILLINOIS

Page 889, line 7, strike “\$5,000,000,000” and replace with “\$25,000,000,000”.

Page 889, line 14, after the colon, insert the following: “*Provided further*, that of the funds made available under this heading, \$20,000,000,000 shall be for payments to States and Indian Tribes: *Provided further*, that States and Indian Tribes who receive these payments shall use funds to establish and implement strike teams that will be deployed to skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals, not later than 72 hours after three or more residents or employees of the facility are diagnosed with or suspected of having COVID-19, to assist the facility in separating residents and employees who have been exposed to COVID-19 from those residents and employees who have not been so exposed, supervising testing for COVID-19, ensuring any applicable whistleblower protections are being enforced, and such other needs as determined necessary by the strike team; provide testing kits or other supplies needed for rapid turnaround to test

residents of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals for COVID–19 on a weekly basis and staff members of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals for COVID–19 before each shift; provide personal protective equipment to staff members of skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, psychiatric hospitals, and, where appropriate, to residents of such facilities; to provide additional staffing associated with the COVID–19 pandemic for skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals who adequately demonstrate need, which may include providing premium or hazard pay, overtime pay, enhanced payment rates, paid sick and family medical leave, childcare, temporary housing, transportation, and other supportive services for staff members; to provide support for individuals who have no other mechanism to pay for their care at skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals and are unable to pay; support skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals that cohort, and provide services to individuals who test positive for COVID–19 individuals who test negative for COVID–19, and individuals with

unknown status or who are under observation regarding COVID-19; support skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals with the establishment of specialized units within such facilities; safely facilitate voluntary discharges to home and community-based settings from skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and psychiatric hospitals after receiving adequate consent from a resident or resident's representative.”.

