

**AMENDMENT**  
**OFFERED BY MR. SCHMIDT OF KANSAS**

Add at the end the following new section:

1   **SEC. \_\_\_\_\_. ADJUSTING ELIGIBILITY FOR RURAL EMER-**  
2                   **GENCY HOSPITAL DESIGNATION UNDER**  
3                   **MEDICARE.**

4       Section 1861(kkk)(3) of the Social Security Act (42  
5   U.S.C. 1395x(kkk)(3)) is amended—

6           (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),  
7       by striking “as of” and inserting “, at any point  
8       during the period beginning on January 1, 2015,  
9       and ending on”;

10          (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” at  
11       the end;

12          (3) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period  
13       at the end and inserting “; or”; and

14          (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
15       paragraph:

16           “(C) was an off-campus outpatient department  
17       of a hospital (as defined in section 1833(t)(21)(B))  
18       that—

19           “(i) was a dedicated emergency depart-  
20       ment (as defined in section 489.24(b) of title

1           42, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-  
2           cessor regulation)); and

3           “(ii) was located in a county (or equivalent  
4           unit of local government) in a rural area (as de-  
5           fined in section 1886(d)(2)(D)).”.

