

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SULLIVAN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Comprehensive Reim-  
5       bursement Initiative Targeting Investment and Care in  
6       rural Locations” or the “CRITICAL Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS LO-**  
2 **CATED IN A NONCONTIGUOUS STATE.**

3 (a) INPATIENT CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL SERV-  
4 ICES.—Section 1814(l) of the Social Security Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 1395f(l)) is amended by inserting “(or, in the case  
6 of inpatient critical access hospital services furnished on  
7 or after January 1, 2025, by a critical access hospital that  
8 is located in a noncontiguous State, 105 percent)” after  
9 “101 percent”.

10 (b) OUTPATIENT CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL SERV-  
11 ICES.—Section 1834(g)(1) of the Social Security Act (42  
12 U.S.C. 1395m(g)(1)) is amended by inserting “(or, in the  
13 case of outpatient critical access hospital services fur-  
14 nished on or after January 1, 2025, by a critical access  
15 hospital that is located in a noncontiguous State, 105 per-  
16 cent)” after “101 percent”.

17 (c) AMBULANCE SERVICES.—Section 1834(l)(8) of  
18 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(8)) is amend-  
19 ed by inserting “(or, in the case of ambulance services fur-  
20 nished on or after January 1, 2025, by a critical access  
21 hospital that is located in a noncontiguous State or by an  
22 entity that is owned and operated by a critical access hos-  
23 pital that is located in a noncontiguous State, 105 per-  
24 cent)” after “101 percent”.

25 (d) SKILLED NURSING FACILITY SERVICES.—Sec-  
26 tion 1883(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1395tt(a)(3)) is amended by inserting “(or, in the case  
2 of covered skilled nursing facility services furnished on or  
3 after January 1, 2025, under an agreement under this  
4 section by a critical access hospital that is located in a  
5 noncontiguous State, 105 percent)” after “101 percent”.