



116TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Small Business Act to include hospitals serving rural areas or areas of persistent poverty in the paycheck protection program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. WICKER (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 "PPP Access for Rural
5 Hospitals Act".

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CRITICAL CARE HOSPITALS IN THE**
7 **PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM.**

8 (a) ELIGIBILITY OF HOSPITALS WITH MORE THAN
9 ONE PHYSICAL LOCATION.—Section 7(a)(36)(D)(iii) of

1 the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(D)(iii)) is
2 amended by striking “beginning with 72” and inserting
3 the following: “beginning with 72 (or, in the case of a crit-
4 ical care hospital, is assigned a North American Industry
5 Classification System code beginning with 62)”.

6 (b) WAIVER OF AFFILIATION RULES.—Section
7 7(a)(36)(D)(iv)(I) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
8 636(a)(36)(D)(iv)(I)) is amended by striking “beginning
9 with 72” and inserting the following: “beginning with 72
10 (or, in the case of a critical care hospital, is assigned a
11 North American Industry Classification System code be-
12 ginning with 62)”.

13 (c) CRITICAL CARE HOSPITALS DEFINED.—Section
14 7(a)(36)(D) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C.
15 636(a)(36)(D)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(vii) CRITICAL CARE HOSPITAL DE-
18 FINED.—In this subparagraph, the term
19 ‘critical care hospital’ means—

20 “(I) a hospital (as defined in sec-
21 tion 1861(e) of the Social Security
22 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(e))) that—

23 “(aa) is located in a county
24 (or equivalent unit of local gov-
25 ernment) in a rural area, as de-

1 defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D) of
2 such Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1395ww(d)(2)(D));

4 “(bb) is treated as being lo-
5 cated in a rural area pursuant to
6 section 1886(d)(8)(E) of such
7 Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1395ww(d)(8)(E)); or

9 “(cc) for the most recent
10 cost reporting period under sec-
11 tion 1886(d) of such Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)), received an
13 additional payment under section
14 1886(d)(5)(F) of such Act (42
15 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(F)); and

16 “(II) a nonprofit or public crit-
17 ical access hospital, as defined in sec-
18 tion 1861(mm)(1) of the Social Secu-
19 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(mm)(1)).”.