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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MEUSER introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Fairness for Rural
5 Teaching Hospitals Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. UPDATE TO CALCULATION OF HOSPITAL SPECIFIC**
2 **RATE FOR MEDICARE-DEPENDENT HOS-**
3 **PITALS.**

4 Section 1886(d)(5)(G) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(G)) is amended by inserting after
6 clause (ii) the following:

7 “For purposes of clause (ii)(II), in calculating the amount
8 determined under paragraph (1)(A)(iii) with respect to
9 discharges occurring on or after the first day of the first
10 fiscal year following the date of enactment of the ‘Fairness
11 for Rural Teaching Hospitals Act of 2023’, the Secretary
12 shall exclude an estimate of indirect medical costs in ac-
13 cordance with the requirements specified in paragraph
14 (2)(C)(i). Following such calculation, the Secretary shall
15 provide for an additional payment to a hospital for the
16 indirect medical costs incurred by such hospital.”.