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To extend the deadline for eligible health care providers to use certain funds received from the COVID–19 Provider Relief Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 2021

Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. CRAMER) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Edu-
cation, Labor, and Pensions

A BILL

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to use certain funds received from the COVID–19 Pro-
vider Relief Fund, and for other purposes.

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 “Provider Relief Fund
5 Deadline Extension Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR ELIGIBLE HEALTH**
2 **CARE PROVIDERS TO USE CERTAIN FUNDS**
3 **RECEIVED FROM THE COVID-19 PROVIDER**
4 **RELIEF FUND.**

5 (a) EXTENSION OF DEADLINE.—

6 (1) PAYMENT RECEIVED PERIOD 1.—Effective
7 June 29, 2021, the deadline by which an eligible
8 health care provider is required to use such reim-
9 bursements from the Provider Relief Fund received
10 by such provider during the covered payment re-
11 ceived period shall be extended until the later of—

12 (A) the end of the COVID-19 public
13 health emergency period; or

14 (B) December 31, 2021.

15 (2) ADJUSTMENT OF REPORTING TIME PE-
16 RIOD.—The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
17 ices shall make appropriate adjustments to the re-
18 porting time period established by the Secretary that
19 is applicable to eligible health care providers with re-
20 spect to the use of reimbursements from the Pro-
21 vider Relief Fund received during the covered pay-
22 ment received period to reflect the deadline estab-
23 lished in paragraph (1) for the use of such reim-
24 bursements received during such covered payment
25 received period.

26 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) COVERED PAYMENT RECEIVED PERIOD.—

2 The term “covered payment received period” means,
3 with respect to the Payment Received Periods re-
4 ferred to in the Provider Relief Fund Guidance, the
5 payments beginning on April 10, 2020, and ending
6 on June, 30, 2020.

7 (2) COVID–19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
8 PERIOD.—The term “COVID–19 public health emer-
9 gency period” means the emergency period described
10 in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act
11 (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)(1)(B)).

12 (3) ELIGIBLE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.—The
13 term “eligible health care provider” has the meaning
14 given such term in the third proviso of the third
15 paragraph under the heading “Department of
16 Health and Human Services—Office of the Sec-
17 retary—Public Health and Social Services Emer-
18 gency Fund” in division B of the CARES Act (Pub-
19 lic Law 116–136).

20 (4) PROVIDER RELIEF FUND.—The term “Pro-
21 vider Relief Fund” means the program to prevent,
22 prepare for, and respond to COVID–19, domestically
23 or internationally, for necessary expenses to reim-
24 burse, through grants or other mechanisms, eligible
25 health care providers for health care related ex-

penses or lost revenues that are attributable to
 COVID-19 for which appropriations are made—

(A) under the heading “Department of
 Health and Human Services—Office of the Sec-
 retary—Public Health and Social Services
 Emergency Fund” in title VIII of division B of
 the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136); and

(B) under the heading “Department of
 Health and Human Services—Office of the Sec-
 retary—Public Health and Social Services
 Emergency Fund” in title I of division B of the
 Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care
 Enhancement Act (Public Law 116-139).

(5) PROVIDER RELIEF FUND GUIDANCE.—The
 term “Provider Relief Fund Guidance” means the
 guidance titled, “Provider Relief Fund General and
 Targeted Distribution Post-Payment Notice of Re-
 porting Requirement”, and issued by the Secretary
 of Health and Human Services on June 11, 2021.

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