

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 870

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the redistribution of residency slots under the Medicare program after a hospital closes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2025

Ms. LEE of Nevada (for herself and Mr. BALDERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Physicians for Under-
5 served Areas Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE REDISTRIBUTION OF RESI-**
 2 **DENCY SLOTS UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**
 3 **GRAM AFTER A HOSPITAL CLOSES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(h)(4)(H)(vi) of the
 5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(vi)) is
 6 amended—

7 (1) in subclause (II)—

8 (A) by striking item (cc) and redesignating
 9 item (dd) as item (cc); and

10 (B) in item (cc), as redesignated under
 11 subparagraph (A)—

12 (i) by striking “Fourth” and inserting
 13 “Third”; and

14 (ii) by striking “item (cc)” and insert-
 15 ing “item (bb)”; and

16 (2) in subclause (III), by striking “likelihood of
 17 filling” and all that follows and inserting the fol-
 18 lowing: “likelihood of—

19 “(aa) starting to utilize the
 20 positions made available under
 21 this clause within 2 years; and

22 “(bb) filling the positions
 23 made available under this clause
 24 within 5 years.”.

25 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 26 subsection (a) shall apply to the redistribution of residency

- 1 slots with respect to hospitals that close on or after the
- 2 date of enactment of this Act.

