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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust coinsurance requirements for outpatient critical access hospital services furnished under the Medicare program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. COLE introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Fairness for Rural  
5 Medicare Beneficiaries Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTING COINSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
2 **OUTPATIENT CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL**  
3 **SERVICES FURNISHED UNDER THE MEDI-**  
4 **CARE PROGRAM.**

5 Section 1834(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1395m(g)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “less 20 per-  
8 cent of the amount specified under paragraph (6),”  
9 after “such services,”;

10 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by inserting “, less 20  
11 percent of the amount specified under paragraph  
12 (6)” before the period; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
14 paragraph:

15 “(6) SPECIFIED AMOUNT.—For purposes of  
16 paragraphs (1) and (2)(A), the amount specified in  
17 this paragraph is, with respect to services furnished  
18 by a critical access hospital, the amount that would  
19 have been payable for such services under section  
20 1833(t) had such services been covered OPD serv-  
21 ices.”.