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S. 270

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide a transitional adjustment for certain sole community hospitals in order to limit any decline in payment under the prospective payment system for hospital outpatient department services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 7, 2001

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWNBACK, and Mr. HELMS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Rural Hospital and
5 Health Network Preservation Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. TEMPORARY TREATMENT OF CERTAIN SOLE COM-**
2 **MUNITY HOSPITALS TO LIMIT DECLINE IN**
3 **PAYMENT UNDER THE OPD PPS.**

4 (a) **HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION.**—Section
5 1833(t)(7)(D)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395l(t)(7)(D)(i)) is amended by inserting “(or not more
7 than 400 beds if such hospital is a sole community hos-
8 pital (as defined in section 1886(d)(5)(D)(iii)) and is clas-
9 sified as a rural referral center under section
10 1886(d)(5)(C))” after “100 beds”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
12 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the
13 amendments made by section 202(a) of the Medicare,
14 Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Refinement Act
15 of 1999 (113 Stat. 1501A–342), as enacted into law by
16 section 1000(a)(6) of Public Law 106–113.

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