

SHB 1616 - H AMD 786

By Representative Schmick

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1 On page 4, line 3, after "(a)" strike "At" and insert "Unless the
2 hospital is a critical access hospital, at"

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4 On page 4, line 20, after "pursuant to" strike "(c)" and insert
5 "(d)"

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7 On page 4, line 26, after "pursuant to" strike "(c)" and insert
8 "(d)"

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10 On page 4, line 27, after "(b)" strike "At" and insert "Unless the
11 hospital is a critical access hospital, at"

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13 On page 4, line 38, after "pursuant to" strike "(c)" and insert
14 "(d)"

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16 On page 5, line 4, after "pursuant to" strike "(c)" and insert
17 "(d)"

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19 On page 5, line 10, after "pursuant to" strike "(c)" and insert
20 "(d)"

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22 On page 5, line 11, after "(c)" insert "The provisions of (a) and
23 (b) of this subsection do not apply to any hospital certified as a
24 critical access hospital under 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1395i-4. At a minimum, a
25 critical access hospital:

26 (i) Must grant charity care to all patients and their guarantors
27 whose income is not more than 100 percent of the federal poverty

1 level, adjusted for family size, for the full amount of the patient
2 responsibility portion of their hospital charges; and

3 (ii) Must establish a sliding fee schedule for all patients whose
4 income is between 101 and 200 percent of the federal poverty level,
5 adjusted for family size, for granting discounts from the full amount
6 of the patient responsibility portion of their hospital charges.

7 (d)"

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EFFECT: Establishes minimum requirements for providing charity care for hospitals designated as critical access hospitals such that patients whose income is up to 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level receive charity care for the full amount of the hospital charges and patients between 101 and 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level receive a discount based on a sliding fee schedule. (Restoring existing statutory and regulatory requirements.)

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