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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the definition of critical access hospital under the Medicare program to include certain hospitals on Indian reservations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. NEWHOUSE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXPANDING THE DEFINITION OF CRITICAL AC-**
2 **CESS HOSPITAL UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**
3 **GRAM TO INCLUDE CERTAIN HOSPITALS ON**
4 **INDIAN RESERVATIONS.**

5 Section 1820(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1395i-4(c)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (B)(i)(I), by inserting
8 “subject to subparagraph (F),” before “is located”;

9 (2) in subparagraph (E)(ii), by striking “The
10 total” and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (F),
11 the total”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 paragraph:

14 “(F) HOSPITALS ON INDIAN RESERVA-
15 TIONS.—

16 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Beginning August
17 1, 2025, a State may designate a facility
18 as a critical access hospital, without regard
19 to the distance between the facility and a
20 hospital (or another facility described in
21 this subsection), if the facility is located on
22 a reservation (as defined in section 4 of
23 the Indian Health Care Improvement Act).

24 “(ii) PSYCHIATRIC AND REHABILITA-
25 TION DISTINCT PART UNITS.—A facility
26 described in clause (i) may establish a dis-

1 tinct part unit under subparagraph (E)
2 without regard to the limitation on number
3 of beds under clause (ii) of such subpara-
4 graph. The Secretary may not take a dis-
5 tinct part unit so established by such facil-
6 ity into account when determining whether
7 such facility is primarily engaged in pro-
8 viding the services described in section
9 1861(e)(1).”.