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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. TRAHAN 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,

3 SECTION 1. ESTABLISHING A DEFINITION OF ESSENTIAL
4 HEALTH SYSTEM IN STATUTE.

5 Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395x) is amended by adding at the end the following new
7 subsection:

8 “(nnn) ESSENTIAL HEALTH SYSTEM.—The term ‘es-
9 sential health system’ means a hospital—
“(1) that is a subsection (d) hospital (as defined in section 1886(d)(1)(B));

“(2) that is a non-Federal governmental or private nonprofit hospital; and

“(3) that—

“(A) meets the requirements of a Medicaid deemed disproportionate share hospital (as described in section 1923(b)(1));

“(B) has a Medicare disproportionate patient percentage of at least 35 percent (as defined in section 1886(d)(5)(F)(vi)); or

“(C) has a Medicare disproportionate share hospital uncompensated care payment factor of 0.0005 or more, (as defined in section 1886(r)(2)(C)).”.