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Rural Hospital Regulatory Relief Act of 2017

Sen. John Thune, SD

Permanently extends the application by CMS to relax
physician supervision of requirements in outpatient
therapy in CAH and rural hospitals

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Restoring Rural Residency Act of 2017

Sen. John Tetter, MT

Requires the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to reimburse medical residency training programs under Medicare for certain graduate medical education costs associated with resident time spent in rural critical access hospitals.

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21st Century Cures Act

Sen. Fred Upton, MI

Supports significant NIH funding

Supports research grants for pharmaceutical research
and health system reform

Promotes interoperability

Patient matching

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Save Rural Hospitals Act

Rep. Sam Graves, MO

Elimination of the CAH 96-hour condition of payment

Create price standardization of CAH Swing Bed Claims for bundled payments

Allow CAHs to be eligible for Indirect GME

Modify MIPS to ensure performance comparison occurs between equivalent participants

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Save Rural Hospitals Act

Rep. Sam Graves, MO

Include rural relevant measures and methods for
Hospital Star Rating

Modify the Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) audit and
appeals process

End the MAC denial of Low-Volume Hospital
Adjustment

Restores multiple funding cuts

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American Health Care Act

Rep. Diane Black, TN

Tax credits for obtaining health insurance

No more Medicaid expansion

Requirement for Medicaid recipients to work or perform community service

Medicaid block grants or per capita rates

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Massive budget cuts...

MSDH

Medicaid

MDMH

UMMC

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Quality Assurance Task Force

Partnership between:

Magnolia Health

United Healthcare

Mississippi State Department of Health

Office of the Governor

MRHA reps: Paula Turner, Sharon Turcotte, Zach Allen

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