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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the work geographic index for physician payments under the Medicare program, and to revise the phase-in of clinical laboratory test payment changes under such program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HUDSON 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. EXTENDING FLOOR FOR WORK GEOGRAPHIC**

2 **INDEX.**

3 Section 1848(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1395w-4(e)(1)(E)) is amended by striking “2024”
5 and inserting “2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISING PHASE-IN OF MEDICARE CLINICAL LAB-**
7 **ORATORY TEST PAYMENT CHANGES.**

8 (a) REVISED PHASE-IN OF REDUCTIONS FROM PRI-
9 VATE PAYOR RATE IMPLEMENTATION.—Section
10 1834A(b)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
11 1395m-1(b)(3)) is amended—

12 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “2026”
13 and inserting “2027”; and

14 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

15 (A) in clause (ii), by striking “2023” and
16 inserting “2024”; and

17 (B) in clause (iii), by striking “2024
18 through 2026” and inserting “2025 through
19 2027”.

20 (b) REVISED REPORTING PERIOD FOR REPORTING
21 OF PRIVATE SECTOR PAYMENT RATES FOR ESTABLISH-
22 MENT OF MEDICARE PAYMENT RATES.—Section
23 1834A(a)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
24 1395m-1(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

25 (1) in clause (i), by striking “2023” and insert-
26 ing “2024”; and

- 1 (2) in clause (ii), by striking “2024” each place
- 2 it appears and inserting “2025”.