



AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To provide for a payment adjustment under the Medicare skilled nursing facility prospective payment system to address increased costs associated with COVID-19 residents during the emergency period.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—116th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 748

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on high cost employer-sponsored health coverage.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. SASSE to the amendment (No. _____) proposed by _____

Viz:

1 At the end of subtitle D of title III of division A,
2 insert the following:

3 **SEC. 3717. MEDICARE SKILLED NURSING FACILITY PRO-**
4 **SPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM ADJUSTMENT**
5 **FOR COVID-19 RESIDENTS DURING EMER-**
6 **GENCY PERIOD.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1888(e) of the Social Se-
8 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “ and (12)”
2 and inserting “(12), and (13)”; and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (12) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(13) ADJUSTMENT FOR RESIDENTS WITH
6 COVID-19.—During the emergency period described
7 in section 1135(g)(1)(B), in the case of a resident
8 who has a principal or secondary diagnosis of
9 COVID-19, the per diem amount of payment other-
10 wise applicable shall be increased by 15 percent to
11 reflect increased costs associated with such resi-
12 dents.”.

13 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other
14 provision of law, the Secretary may implement the amend-
15 ments made by subsection (a) by program instruction or
16 otherwise.