

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Save our Lone Emer-
5 gency Services Act” or the “SOLES Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF SOLE COMMUNITY HOSPITALS LO-**
2 **CATED IN A NONCONTIGUOUS STATE UNDER**
3 **HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT PROSPECTIVE PAY-**
4 **MENT SYSTEM.**

5 Section 1833(t)(7)(D) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new clause:

8 “(iii) TREATMENT OF SOLE COMMU-
9 NITY HOSPITALS LOCATED IN A NON-
10 CONTIGUOUS STATE.—In the case of a sole
11 community hospital (as defined in section
12 1886(d)(5)(D)(iii)) that is located in a
13 noncontiguous State, for covered OPD
14 services furnished on or after January 1,
15 2025, for which the PPS amount is less
16 than the pre-BBA amount, the amount of
17 payment under this subsection shall be in-
18 creased by 94 percent of the amount of
19 such difference.”.