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116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide additional amounts to the Public Health and Social Services
Emergency Fund, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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Social Services Emergency Fund, and for other purposes.

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 “Helping Hospitals in
5 Need Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH**
7 **AND SOCIAL SERVICES EMERGENCY FUND.**

8 (a) **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION.**—There is hereby
9 appropriated, out of any amounts in the Treasury not oth-

1 erwise appropriated, \$100,000,000,000 for an additional
2 amount for “Department of Health and Human Serv-
3 ices—Office of the Secretary—Public Health and Social
4 Services Emergency Fund”, to be merged with amounts
5 made available to such account by division B of the
6 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub-
7 lic Law 116–136).

8 (b) PURPOSES OF FUNDS.—The Secretary of Health
9 and Human Services shall seek to obligate and expend the
10 amount appropriated by subsection (a) in a manner that
11 prioritizes funding for—

12 (1) hospitals and health care providers that the
13 Secretary determines serve a high proportion of un-
14 insured or low income patients, including based on—

15 (A) whether the hospital has received dis-
16 proportionate share hospital payments under
17 section 1886(r) of the Social Security Act (42
18 U.S.C. 1395ww) with respect to fiscal year
19 2019;

20 (B) whether the hospital has received dis-
21 proportionate share hospital payments under
22 section 1925 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–6)
23 with respect to fiscal year 2019; and

24 (C) any other factors specified by the Sec-
25 retary, including whether the hospital is identi-

1 fied as a “safety-net hospital” by the National
2 Academy of Medicine; and
3 (2) States, including the District of Columbia
4 and the territories or possessions of the United
5 States, that the Secretary, in coordination with the
6 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
7 vention, determines to have the highest per capita
8 hospitalization rates for confirmed cases of COVID–
9 19.