


AMENDMENT NO. 2

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Purpose: To allow for an alternative reimbursement methodology for rural hospitals and health clinics.

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To lower health care costs.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Ms. MURKOWSKI

Viz:

1 On page 19, line 2, strike “region.” and insert “re-
2 gion, or for such services delivered at eligible facilities, the
3 alternative reimbursement rate determined under sub-
4 section (c).”.

5 On page 21, between lines 22 and 23, insert the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(c) ALTERNATIVE REIMBURSEMENT RATE.—For
8 purposes of this section, the term ‘alternative reimburse-
9 ment rate’ means a rate determined through an alter-
10 native reimbursement methodology established by the Sec-
11 retary through rulemaking. Such methodology shall take
12 into account both market concentration and provider ac-

1 cess considerations, and shall include the establishment of
2 an alternative benchmark payment or independent dispute
3 resolution process. The alternative reimbursement rate
4 shall apply to services delivered at critical access hospitals,
5 rural sole community hospitals, and rural health clinics.”.