

No. 2003-7

AN ACT

HB 1406

Designating political subdivisions as rural areas for purposes of Medicare hospital service payments.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Medicare Hospital Service Payment Designation Act.

Section 2. Designation.

For purposes of payments to hospitals for inpatient hospital services under section 1886 of the Social Security Act (49 Stat. 620, 42 U.S.C. § 1395ww), hospitals designated as Medicare-dependent hospitals as of September 30, 2000, are hereby designated as rural hospitals pursuant to section 1886(d)(8)(E)(ii)(II) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395ww(d)(8)(E)(ii)(II)).

Section 3. Applicability.

If this act is enacted after June 30, 2003, this act shall apply retroactively to June 30, 2003.

Section 4. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 30th day of June, A.D. 2003.

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