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# S. 995

To provide for a hospital in Cass County, Minnesota.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2007

Mr. COLEMAN (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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. MEDICARE CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL DES-**  
4 **IGNATION.**

5       Section 405(h) of the Medicare Prescription Drug,  
6 Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law  
7 108–173; 117 Stat. 2269) is amended by adding at the  
8 end the following new paragraph:

9               “(3) EXCEPTION.—

10               “(A) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made  
11               by paragraph (1) shall not apply to the certifi-

1 cation by the State of Minnesota on or after  
2 January 1, 2006, under section  
3 1820(c)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Social Security Act  
4 (42 U.S.C. 1395i-4(c)(2)(B)(i)(II)) of one hos-  
5 pital that meets the criteria described in sub-  
6 paragraph (B) and is located in Cass County,  
7 Minnesota, as a necessary provider of health  
8 care services to residents in the area of the hos-  
9 pital.

10 “(B) CRITERIA DESCRIBED.—A hospital  
11 meets the criteria described in this subpara-  
12 graph if the hospital—

13 “(i) has been granted an exception by  
14 the State to an otherwise applicable statu-  
15 tory restriction on hospital construction or  
16 licensing prior to the date of enactment of  
17 this subparagraph; and

18 “(ii) is located on property which the  
19 State has approved for conveyance to a  
20 county within the State prior to such date  
21 of enactment.

22 “(C) The amendment made by paragraph  
23 (1) shall not apply to the certification by the  
24 State of Mississippi on or after January 1,  
25 2006, under section 1820(c)(2)(b)(i)(II) of the

1 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i-  
2 4(e)(2)(B)(i)(II) for construction of a hospital  
3 that meets the criteria described in subpara-  
4 graph (d) and is located in Kemper County,  
5 Mississippi, as necessary provider of health care  
6 services to residences in the area of the hos-  
7 pital.

8 “(D) CRITERIA FOR SUBPARAGRAPH  
9 (C).—A hospital meets the criteria described in  
10 this subparagraph if the hospital—

11 “(i) has satisfied the requirement of  
12 the certificate of need laws and regulations  
13 by the State of Mississippi; and

14 “(ii) will be constructed on property  
15 that will be conveyed by the Kemper Coun-  
16 ty Board of Supervisors within the State of  
17 Mississippi.”.

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