

1 THROUGH PAYMENTS.—Section 9320(k) of the Omnibus
2 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C. 1395k
3 note), as amended by section 6132 of the Omnibus Budget
4 Reconciliation Act of 1989, is amended by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(3) Any facility that qualifies as a critical ac-
7 cess hospital (as defined in section 1861(mm)(1) of
8 the Social Security Act) shall be treated as being lo-
9 cated in a rural area for purposes of paragraph (1)
10 regardless of any geographic reclassification of the
11 facility, including such a reclassification of the coun-
12 ty in which the facility is located as an urban county
13 (also popularly known as a Lugar county) under sec-
14 tion 1886(d)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act.”.

15 (b) TREATMENT OF STANDBY AND ON-CALL
16 COSTS.—Such section, as amended by subsection (a), is
17 further amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(4) In determining the reasonable costs in-
19 curred by a hospital or critical access hospital for
20 the services of a certified registered nurse anes-
21 thetist under this subsection, the Secretary shall in-
22 clude standby costs and on-call costs incurred by the
23 hospital or critical access hospital, respectively, with
24 respect to such nurse anesthetist.”.

25 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

1 (1) TREATMENT OF CAHS AS RURAL IN DETER-
2 MINING CRNA PASS-THROUGH ELIGIBILITY.—The
3 amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to
4 calendar years beginning on or after the date of the
5 enactment of this Act (regardless of whether the ge-
6 ographic reclassification of a critical access hospital
7 occurred before, on, or after such date).

8 (2) INCLUSION OF STANDBY COSTS AND ON-
9 CALL COSTS IN DETERMINING REASONABLE COSTS
10 OF CRNA SERVICES.—The amendment made by sub-
11 section (b) shall apply to costs incurred in cost re-
12 porting periods beginning in fiscal years after fiscal
13 year 2003.

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