Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (*IA-01*) announced that 20 Iowa hospitals will receive $12.5 million in additional Medicare reimbursements. The payments will be delivered to the hospitals tomorrow, and come as a result of a provision Rep. Braley authored and passed into law during the health care negotiations last Congress.

"For decades, Iowa's doctors have been punished for no reason other than geography," said Rep. Braley.
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These payments are the first step toward ending these geographic disparities and reforming our Medicare system so it finally rewards quality of care instead of the number of procedures performed."

The following Iowa hospitals will receive the funds:

Hospital Name		

County		

Estimated Payment		

Broadlawns Medical Center		

Polk		

$44,991		

Grinnell Regional Medical Center		

Poweshiek		

$89,982		

Iowa Lutheran Hospital		

Polk		

$479,904		

Iowa Methodist Medical Center		

Polk		

$1,709,658		

Lakes Regional Healthcare		

Dickinson		

$74,985		

Marshalltown Medical & Surgical	Center	

Marshall		

$164,967		

Mary Greeley Medical Center		

Story		

$479,904		

Mercy Hospital		

Johnson		

$509,898		

Mercy Medical Center - Cedar Rapids		

Linn		

$584,883		

Mercy Medical Center-Des Moines		

Polk		

$2,129,574		

Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa		

Cerrogordo		

$1,004,799		

Mercy Medical Center-Sioux City		

Woodbury		

$779,844		

Skiff Medical Center		

Jasper		

$104,979		

Spencer Municipal Hospital		

Clay		

$164,967		

St Anthony Regional Hospital		

Carroll		

$104,979		

St Luke’s Hospital		

Linn		

$794,841

St Luke's Regional Medical Center

Woodbury

$374,925

Trinity Regional Medical Center

Webster

$434,913

Unity Hospital

Muscatine

$74,985

University Of Iowa Hospital & Clinics	
Johnson	
$2,399,520	
TOTAL	
$12,507,499	

Rep. Braley secured the funding during late night negotiations with Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Obama Administration officials before the final health care votelast spring. Tomorrow, Iowa hospitals will receive $12.5 million in additional Medicare reimbursements, or 8.3 percent of the available funds. Under Rep. Braley's provision, Iowa receives the 4th-highest amount of payments of any state.

Last Congress, Braley negotiated a compromise adding language to the health carereform bill that provides an immediate $800 million to address geographic disparities for both doctors and hospitals, as well as written guarantees from Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius for further action toreform Medicare reimbursement rates. Iowa doctors and hospitals

have long suffered from an unfair Medicare formula which reimburses them at a lower rate than providers in other states – all while offering some of the highest quality, lowest-cost care in the nation.

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