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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit separate payment to be made under part B of the medicare program for the interpretation of electrocardiograms performed during an office visit.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARDIN introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare EKG Pay-
5 ment Restoration Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR INTERPRETATION OF**
2 **ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 1848(b)
4 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(b)) is
5 amended to read as follows:

6 “(3) TREATMENT OF INTERPRETATION OF
7 ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS.—The Secretary—

8 “(A) shall make separate payment under
9 this section for the interpretation of electro-
10 cardiograms performed or ordered to be per-
11 formed as part of or in conjunction with a visit
12 to or a consultation with a physician, and

13 “(B) shall adjust the relative values estab-
14 lished for visits and consultations under sub-
15 section (c) so as not to include relative value
16 units for interpretations of electrocardiograms
17 in the relative value for visits and consulta-
18 tions.”.

19 (b) ASSURING BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—Section
20 1848(c)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(c)(2)) is
21 amended by adding at the end the following new subpara-
22 graph:

23 “(E) BUDGET NEUTRALITY ADJUST-
24 MENTS.—The Secretary—

25 “(i) shall reduce the relative values
26 for all services (other than anesthesia serv-

1 ices) established under this paragraph
2 (and, in the case of anesthesia services, the
3 conversion factor established by the Sec-
4 retary for such services) by such percent-
5 age as the Secretary determines to be nec-
6 essary so that, beginning in 1996, the
7 amendment made by section 2(a) of the
8 Medicare EKG Payment Restoration Act
9 of 1993 would not result in expenditures
10 under this section that exceed the amount
11 of such expenditures that would have been
12 made if such amendment had not been
13 made, and

14 “(ii) shall reduce the amounts deter-
15 mined under subsection (a)(2)(B)(i)(I) by
16 such percentage as the Secretary deter-
17 mines to be required to assure that, taking
18 into account the reductions made under
19 clause (i), the amendment made by section
20 2(a) of the Medicare EKG Payment Res-
21 toration Act of 1993 would not result in
22 expenditures under this section in 1993
23 that exceed the amount of such expendi-
24 tures that would have been made if such
25 amendment had not been made.”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1848 of
2 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4) is amended—

3 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(B)(i)(I), by inserting
4 “and as adjusted under subsection (c)(2)(E)(ii)”
5 after “for 1993”;

6 (2) in subsection (c)(2)(A)(i), by adding at the
7 end the following: “Such relative values are subject
8 to adjustment under subparagraph (E)(i).”; and

9 (3) in subsection (i)(1)(B), by adding at the
10 end “including adjustments under subsection
11 (c)(2)(E).”.

12 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
14 first day of the fourth month beginning after the date of
15 the enactment of this Act.

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