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H. R. 4623

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise the calculation of base payment rates for the prospective payment system for home health services furnished under the medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ADERHOLT (for himself, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, and Mr. UNDERWOOD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 Home Health
5 Assistance Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. CALCULATION OF BASE PAYMENT RATES UNDER**
2 **THE PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM ON FIS-**
3 **CAL YEAR 1997 DATA.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1895(b)(3)(A) of the So-
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395fff(b)(3)(A)) is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 “(A) INITIAL AMOUNT.—Under such sys-
8 tem the Secretary shall provide for computation
9 of a standard prospective payment amount (or
10 amounts) for a unit of service described in
11 paragraph (2). For fiscal year 2001, such
12 amount (or amounts) shall for the unit of serv-
13 ice be equal to the average reasonable cost of
14 the service during the cost reporting period
15 ending during fiscal year 1997 as determined
16 under section 1861(v)(1)(L)) (as in effect on
17 August 1, 1997) and updated for each fiscal
18 year beginning with fiscal year 1997 up to fis-
19 cal year 2001 by the home health market bas-
20 ket index.

21 “(B) DATA UTILIZED IN COMPUTATION.—
22 In computing the standard prospective payment
23 amount (or amounts) under subparagraph (A),
24 the Secretary shall utilize—

25 “(i) cost report data from home
26 health agencies with cost reporting periods

1 ending in fiscal year 1997 that is audited
2 by the Secretary; and

3 “(ii) average number of visits by dis-
4 cipline as reflected in such cost report
5 data.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 subsection (a) shall apply as if included in the enactment
8 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

9 (c) CONFORMING REPEAL OF REPORT.—Section 302
10 of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget
11 Refinement Act of 1999, 113 Stat. 1501A–359, as en-
12 acted into law by section 1000(a)(6) of Public Law 106–
13 113, is amended by striking subsection (c).

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