106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4950

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the proportion of charges Medicare recognizes for mental health services furnished to qualified Medicare beneficiaries who reside in congregate residences.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 25, 2000

Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, and Ms. KAPTUR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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,*

SECTION 1. INCREASE IN MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR MEN-TAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO QUALI-FIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES WHO RE-SIDE IN CONGREGATE RESIDENCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(c)) is amended—

    (1) by inserting "(1)" after "(c)";

    (2) by inserting "subject to paragraph (2)," after "Notwithstanding any other provision of this part,";

    (3) by designating the second sentence as paragraph (3); and

    (4) by inserting after the first sentence the following new paragraph:

"(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of an individual who has been determined to be a qualified medicare beneficiary (as defined in section 1905(p)(1)) who is residing in a skilled nursing facility, nursing facility, or custodial care facility.".

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) apply to services furnished on or after January 1, 2001.

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