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H. R. 4995

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for equity in the amount of disproportionate share payment adjustments under the Medicare Program between urban and rural hospitals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2000

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mrs. EMERSON) 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. PARITY IN DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE AD-**
4 **JUSTMENTS.**

5 (a) INCREASE IN DSH PERCENTAGE FOR RURAL
6 HOSPITALS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(F)(iv) of
2 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1395ww(d)(5)(F)(iv)) is amended—

4 (A) in subclause (II) by inserting before
5 the semicolon the following: “or, if greater, the
6 percent determined in accordance with the ap-
7 plicable formula described in clause (vii)”;

8 (B) in subclause (III) by inserting before
9 the semicolon the following: “or, if greater, the
10 percent determined in accordance with the ap-
11 plicable formula described in clause (vii)”;

12 (C) in subclause (IV) by striking “is equal
13 to” and all that follows and inserting “is equal
14 to the greatest of 10 percent, the percent deter-
15 mined in accordance with the applicable for-
16 mula described in clause (vii), or the percent
17 determined in accordance with applicable for-
18 mula described in clause (viii);”;

19 (D) in subclause (V) by striking “is equal
20 to” and all that follows and inserting “is equal
21 to the greater of the percent determined in ac-
22 cordance with the applicable formula described
23 in clause (vii) or the percent determined in ac-
24 cordance with applicable formula described in
25 clause (viii); or”; and

1 (E) in subclause (VI) by inserting before
2 the semicolon the following: “or, if greater, the
3 percent determined in accordance with the ap-
4 plicable formula described in clause (vii)”.

5 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
6 by paragraph (1) apply with respect to discharges
7 occurring on or after October 1, 2000.

8 (b) REDUCTION IN DISPROPORTIONATE PATIENT
9 PERCENTAGE FOR RURAL HOSPITALS.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(F)(v) of
11 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(F)(v)) is amend-
12 ed to read as follows:

13 “(v) For discharges occurring on or after October 1,
14 2005, in this subparagraph, a hospital ‘serves a signifi-
15 cantly disproportionate number of low income patients’ for
16 a cost reporting period if the hospital has a dispropor-
17 tionate patient percentage (as defined in clause (vi)) for
18 that period which equals, or exceeds 15 percent.”.

19 (2) TRANSITIONAL PHASE-IN OF INCREASE.—
20 During the five-fiscal year period beginning with fis-
21 cal year 2001, the Secretary of Health and Human
22 Services shall phase in, in equal increments over
23 such period, the reduction in disproportionate pa-

- 1 tient percentage provided for under the amendment
- 2 made by paragraph (1).

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