

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5251

To provide for Medicare payment for medically unsupervised certified registered nurse anesthetists at the same level as nurse anesthetists who are medically supervised if the Medicare regulations permit certified registered nurse anesthetists to provide anesthesia services in hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers without medical supervision.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2000

Mr. BURR of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELIMINATION OF INCENTIVE TO INCREASE**
2 **MEDICARE PAYMENT LEVEL FOR UNSUPER-**
3 **VISED CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANES-**
4 **THETISTS.**

5 If the Secretary of Health and Human Services
6 changes medicare regulations under title XVIII of the So-
7 cial Security Act to permit certified registered nurse anes-
8 thetists to furnish anesthesia services in hospitals and am-
9 bulatory surgical centers without medical supervision,
10 then, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the level
11 of payment for anesthesia services furnished by a certified
12 registered nurse anesthetist who is not medically super-
13 vised in such a hospital or center shall be the same as
14 the level of payment for such services furnished by the
15 anesthetist in such a facility when the anesthetist is medi-
16 cally supervised.

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