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S. 1025

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the proper payment of approved nursing and allied health education programs under the Medicare Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 12, 1999

Mr. MOYNIHAN (for himself, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. KERRY, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. CLELAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Nursing and Allied
5 Health Payment Improvement Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH EDU-**
 2 **CATION COSTS IN CALCULATING**
 3 **MEDICARE+CHOICE PAYMENT RATE.**

4 (a) EXCLUDING COSTS IN CALCULATING PAYMENT
 5 RATE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1853(c)(3)(C)(i) of
 7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–
 8 23(c)(3)(C)(i)) is amended—

9 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
 10 clause (I);

11 (B) by striking the period at the end of
 12 subclause (II) and inserting “, and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 14 subclause:

15 “(III) for costs attributable to
 16 approved nursing and allied health
 17 education programs under section
 18 1861(v).”.

19 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
 20 by paragraph (1) apply in determining the annual
 21 per capita rate of payment for years beginning with
 22 2001.

23 (b) PAYMENT TO HOSPITALS OF NURSING AND AL-
 24 LIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM COSTS FOR
 25 MEDICARE+CHOICE ENROLLEES.—Section 1861(v)(1) of

1 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)) is amended by adding
2 at the end the following new subparagraph:

3 “(V) In determining the amount of payment to a hos-
4 pital for portions of cost reporting periods occurring on
5 or after January 1, 2001, with respect to the reasonable
6 costs for approved nursing and allied health education pro-
7 grams, individuals who are enrolled with a
8 Medicare+Choice organization under part C shall be
9 treated as if they were not so enrolled.”.

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