

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1476

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an increase in payments for physician services provided in health professional shortage areas in Alaska and Hawaii.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 1999

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. AKAKA) 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. INCREASE IN PAYMENTS FOR PHYSICIAN SERV-**
4 **ICES PROVIDED IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL**
5 **SHORTAGE AREAS IN ALASKA AND HAWAII.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(m) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(m)) is amended by inserting

1 “(20 percent in such an area in Alaska or Hawaii) after
2 “10 percent”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall apply to physician services furnished
5 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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