

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2346

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 2001

Mr. MURTHA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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

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## 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 “Medicare Rural Ambu-  
5 lance Service Equity Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. 20 PERCENT PAYMENT INCREASE FOR RURAL**  
2 **AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

3 Section 1834(l) of the Social Security Act, as amend-  
4 ed by sections 205(a) and 221(a) of the Medicare, Med-  
5 icaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection  
6 Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2763A–482, 486), as enacted into  
7 law by section 1(a)(6) of Public Law 106–554, is  
8 amended—

9 (1) by redesignating paragraph (8), as added by  
10 such section 221(a), as paragraph (9), and

11 (2) by inserting after that paragraph the fol-  
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(10) INCREASE FOR RURAL AMBULANCE SERV-  
14 ICES.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Effective for ambu-  
16 lance services furnished on or after January 1,  
17 2002, for which the transportation originates in  
18 a rural area (described in paragraph (9)) or in  
19 a rural census tract (described in paragraph  
20 (9)), notwithstanding the previous provisions of  
21 this subsection, the Secretary shall provide for  
22 an additional payment for such services equal  
23 to 20 percent of the payment amount otherwise  
24 made under this section for such services.

1                   “(B) WAIVER OF BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—  
2                   This paragraph shall be applied without regard  
3                   to paragraph (3).”.

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