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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 6, 2003

Mr. English (for himself, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cardin, Mr. Pallone, Mr. Gary G. Miller of California, Mr. Lincoln Diaz-Balart of Florida, Mrs. Emerson, Mr. Delahunt, Mr. Van Hollen, Mr. Rogers of Michigan, Mr. McHugh, Mr. Boehlert, Mr. Leach, Mr. Janklow, Mr. Hinchey, Mr. Green of Wisconsin, Mr. LaTourette, Mr. Clyburn, Mr. Terry, Mr. Davis of Alabama, Mr. Sanders, Mr. Gordon, Ms. Hart, Mr. Kleczka, Ms. Schakowsky, Mr. Schiff, Mr. Kucinich, Mr. Deutsch, Ms. Woolsey, Mr. Wexler, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Boehner, Ms. Baldwin, Ms. Berkley, Mr. Pascrell, Mr. McDermott, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Foley, Mr. Ross, Mr. Andrews, Mr. McCrery, Mr. McNulty, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Goode, and Mr. Kildee) 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.

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Access to Rehabilitation Services Act of 2003”.

SEC. 2. OUTPATIENT THERAPY CAP REPEAL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended by striking subsection (g).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to expenses incurred after such date (as soon as possible after the date of the enactment of this Act) as the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall specify.