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H. R. 707

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit direct payment under the Medicare Program for clinical social worker services provided to residents of skilled nursing facilities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. LEACH, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SERRANO, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. FROST, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. LEE, and Mr. RODRIGUEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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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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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Clinical Social Work
3 Medicare Equity Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING DIRECT PAYMENT UNDER THE MEDI-**
5 **CARE PROGRAM FOR CLINICAL SOCIAL**
6 **WORKER SERVICES PROVIDED TO RESI-**
7 **DENTS OF SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES.**

8 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the
9 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(ii)) is
10 amended by inserting “clinical social worker services,”
11 after “qualified psychologist services,”.

12 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section
13 1861(hh)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hh)(2)) is
14 amended by striking “and other than services furnished
15 to an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility which the facil-
16 ity is required to provide as a requirement for partici-
17 pation”.

18 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply to items and services furnished on
20 or after the date that regulations relating to payment for
21 physicians’ services for calendar year 2003 take effect.

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