

108TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 883

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to adjust the fee for collecting specimens for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Mr. ENGLISH (for himself and Mr. DEUTSCH) 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 Laboratory  
5 Services Access Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTMENT IN MEDICARE LABORATORY SPECI-**  
2 **MEN COLLECTION FEE.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1833(h) of the Social Se-  
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(h)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “in  
6 the amount specified in paragraph (8)” after “a  
7 nominal fee”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
9 paragraph:

10 “(8) The amount specified in this paragraph, for the  
11 nominal fee under paragraph (3)(A) for tests performed  
12 in—

13 “(A) 2004, is \$5.42; or

14 “(B) a subsequent year, is the amount specified  
15 in this paragraph for tests performed in the pre-  
16 ceding year adjusted by the annual percentage in-  
17 crease or decrease in the Consumer Price Index for  
18 All Urban Consumers (United States city average).”.

19 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
20 subsection (a) shall apply to fees for tests performed on  
21 or after January 1, 2004.

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