

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1017

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to accelerate the reduction in the amount of beneficiary copayment liability for medicare outpatient services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2003

Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. JOHNSON) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Hospital
5 Outpatient Cost-Sharing Reduction Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCELERATING THE RATE OF REDUCTION OF BEN-**
2 **EFICIARY COPAYMENT LIABILITY UNDER**
3 **THE MEDICARE HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DE-**
4 **PARTMENT PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM.**

5 Section 1833(t)(8)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(8)(C)(ii)) is amended—

7 (1) in subclause (V), by striking “and there-
8 after”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 clauses:

11 “(VI) For procedures performed
12 in 2007, 37 percent.

13 “(VII) For procedures performed
14 in 2008, 34 percent.

15 “(VIII) For procedures per-
16 formed in 2009, 31 percent.

17 “(IX) For procedures performed
18 in 2010, 29 percent.

19 “(X) For procedures performed
20 in 2011, 26 percent.

21 “(XI) For procedures performed
22 in 2012, 23 percent.

23 “(XII) For procedures performed
24 in 2013 and thereafter, 20 percent.”.