

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1729

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase inpatient hospital payments under the Medicare Program to Puerto Rico hospitals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2005

Mr. FORTUÑO (for himself, Mr. WELLER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. DENT, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. OWENS, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Puerto Rico Medicare
5 Reimbursement Equity Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF MEDICARE INPATIENT HOS-**
2 **PITAL PAYMENT RATE FOR PUERTO RICO**
3 **HOSPITALS.**

4 Section 1886(d)(9)(E) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(9)(E)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (iii);

7 (2) in clause (iv), by inserting “and before Oc-
8 tober 1, 2005,” after “2004,” and by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new
11 clause:

12 “(v) on or after October 1, 2005, the applicable
13 Puerto Rico percentage is 0 percent and the applica-
14 ble Federal percentage is 100 percent.”.

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