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H. R. 4039

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an exception to the reduction in unused medical residency positions for small family practice residency programs under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXCEPTION TO THE MEDICARE REDUCTION IN**
2 **UNUSED MEDICAL RESIDENCY POSITIONS**
3 **FOR SMALL FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY**
4 **PROGRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(h)(7)(A)(i) of the
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(7)(A)(i)) is
7 amended—

8 (1) in subclause (I), by striking “subclause
9 (II)” and inserting “subclauses (II) and (III)”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 clause:

12 “(III) EXCEPTION FOR SMALL
13 FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PRO-
14 GRAMS.—This subparagraph shall not
15 apply to a hospital located in a rural
16 area (as defined in subsection
17 (d)(2)(D)(ii)) or a hospital located in
18 an urban area that is not a large
19 urban area (as defined for purposes of
20 subsection (d)) with an osteopathic or
21 allopathic family practice program
22 where the number of residents in-
23 cluded in the otherwise applicable
24 resident limit does not exceed 20.”.

25 (b) BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—To the extent that pay-
26 ments for direct graduate medical education costs under

1 subsection (h) of section 1886 of the Social Security Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww) and for the indirect medical edu-
3 cation cost adjustment under subsection (d)(5)(B) of such
4 section are increased as a result of the amendments made
5 by subsection (a), the Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services shall reduce the standardized amount calculated
7 pursuant to subsection (d) of such section in such amount
8 so that the aggregate expenditures under title XVIII of
9 such Act are not increased as a result of such amend-
10 ments.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
13 ment of section 422 of the Medicare Prescription Drug,
14 Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law
15 108–173).

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