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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2006

Mrs. Emerson 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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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ELIMINATION OF THE MA REGIONAL PLAN STABILIZATION FUND.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (e) of section 1858 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–27a) is repealed.
(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1858(f)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–27a(f)(1)) is amended by striking “subject to subsection (e),”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect as if included in the enactment of section 221(c) of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173; 117 Stat. 2181).

SEC. 2. EXTENDING APPLICATION OF BUDGET NEUTRALITY FACTOR IN REFINEMENT OF HEALTH STATUS ADJUSTMENT IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF PAYMENTS TO MEDICARE ADVANTAGE ORGANIZATIONS.


(1) in the heading, by striking “DURING PHASE-OUT”;

(2) in the matter before subclause (I), by striking “For 2006 through 2010” and inserting “For years beginning with 2006”; and
(3) in subclause (II), by striking “only for 2008, 2009, and 2010” and inserting “beginning with 2008”.

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