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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 5916

To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in payment for physicians' services under the Medicare Program for 2007 and 2008.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2006

Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. GORDON, Mr. RUSH, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. WYNN, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. STRICKLAND, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. INSLEE, Ms. BALDWIN, and Mr. ROSS) 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 "Patients' Access to  
5       Physicians Act of 2006".

1 **SEC. 2. MINIMUM UPDATE FOR PHYSICIANS' SERVICES FOR**  
2 **2007 AND 2008.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1848(d) of the Social Se-  
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(d)), as amended by section  
5 5104 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (Public Law  
6 109-171), is amended by adding at the end the following  
7 new paragraph:

8 “(7) UPDATES FOR 2007 AND 2008.—

9 “(A) FOR 2007.—The update to the single  
10 conversion factor established in paragraph  
11 (1)(C) for 2007 shall not be less than 1 plus  
12 the Secretary’s estimate of the percentage in-  
13 crease in the MEI (as defined in section  
14 1842(i)(3)) for the year (divided by 100).

15 “(B) FOR 2008.—The update to the single  
16 conversion factor established in paragraph  
17 (1)(C) for 2008 shall not be less than 1 plus  
18 the Secretary’s estimate of the percentage in-  
19 crease in the MEI (as defined in section  
20 1842(i)(3)) for the year (divided by 100).”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
22 1848(d)(4)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(d)(4)(B))  
23 is amended, in the matter preceding clause (i), by striking  
24 “paragraphs (5) and (6)” and inserting “paragraphs (5),  
25 (6), and (7)”.

1 (c) PREMIUM TRANSITION RULE.—Notwithstanding  
2 any other provision of law—

3 (1) PREMIUM.—The monthly premium under  
4 section 1839 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 1395r) for months in 2007 and 2008 shall be com-  
6 puted as if this section had not been enacted.

7 (2) GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION.—The Gov-  
8 ernment contribution under section 1844(a) of the  
9 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w(a)) for  
10 months in 2007 and 2008 shall be computed taking  
11 into account the provisions of this section, including  
12 paragraph (1).

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