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# H. R. 1997

To provide for reclassification of Chautauqua County, New York, for purposes of payment for inpatient hospital services under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 23, 2007

Mr. HIGGINS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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. RECLASSIFICATION OF CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY,**  
4 **NEW YORK, FOR PURPOSES OF PAYMENT FOR**  
5 **INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES UNDER THE**  
6 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

7 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective  
8 for discharges occurring on or after September 30, 2007,  
9 for purposes of making payments under section 1886(d)  
10 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)) the

1 large urban area of Buffalo-Niagara Falls, New York is  
2 deemed to include Chautauqua County, New York. For  
3 purposes of that section, the reclassification under this  
4 section shall be treated as a decision of the Medicare Geo-  
5 graphic Classification Review Board under paragraph (10)  
6 of that section, except that in no case shall there be a  
7 reduction in the hospital wage index for Erie County, New  
8 York, or any adjoining county, as a result of the applica-  
9 tion of this section (other than as a result of a general  
10 reduction required to carry out paragraph (10)(D) of that  
11 section).

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