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H. R. 6873

To delay any application of the phase out of the Medicare hospice budget neutrality adjustment factor during fiscal year 2009.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN (for himself, Mr. RAMSTAD, and Mr. HINCHEY) 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 “Medicare Hospice Pro-
5 tection Act of 2008”.

6 **SEC. 2. DELAY IN PHASE OUT OF MEDICARE HOSPICE**
7 **BUDGET NEUTRALITY ADJUSTMENT FACTOR**
8 **DURING FISCAL YEAR 2009.**

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including
10 the final rule published on August 8, 2008, 73 Federal

1 Register 46464 et seq., relating to Medicare Program;
2 Hospice Wage Index for Fiscal Year 2009, the Secretary
3 of Health and Human Services shall not phase out or
4 eliminate the budget neutrality adjustment factor in the
5 Medicare hospice wage index before October 1, 2009, and
6 the Secretary shall recompute and apply the final Medi-
7 care hospice wage index for fiscal year 2009 as if there
8 had been no reduction in the budget neutrality adjustment
9 factor.

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