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H. R. 6512

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent the catastrophic loss of wage index reclassification.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 9, 2010

Mr. SPACE (for himself, Mr. AUSTRIA, and Mr. WILSON of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prevent the catastrophic loss of wage index reclassification.

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. PREVENTING CATASTROPHIC LOSS OF MEDI-**

4 **CARE WAGE INDEX RECLASSIFICATION.**

5 Section 1886(d)(10)(D) of the Social Security Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(10)(D)) is amended by adding at
7 the end the following new clause:

8 “(vii) Under the Secretary’s guidelines described in
9 clause (i), in the case of a hospital that was reclassified
10 by the Board for fiscal year 2010 to a specific Metropoli-

1 tan Statistical Area or New England County Metropolitan
2 Area and which would no longer qualify for such reclassi-
3 fication to that same Metropolitan Statistical Area or New
4 England County Metropolitan Area for fiscal year 2011
5 and if for fiscal year 2011 the average wage index for the
6 geographic area in which such hospital is located is at
7 least 0.1 less than such hospital's average wage index for
8 fiscal year 2010—

9 “(I) such hospital's reclassification for fiscal
10 year 2011 shall be extended until the end of fiscal
11 year 2013;

12 “(II) such extension shall not result in the re-
13 calculation of any diluted wage index for hospitals
14 otherwise utilizing the wage index of the geographic
15 area to which such hospital is reclassified; and

16 “(III) the Secretary shall implement such ex-
17 tension on a budget neutral basis as though such
18 hospital satisfied the guidelines published by the
19 Secretary under clause (i) for fiscal year 2011 and
20 each subsequent fiscal year to which subclause (I)
21 applies.”.

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