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S. 3965

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure continued access to Medicare for seniors and people with disabilities and to TRICARE for America's military families.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 18, 2010

Ms. STABENOW introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 "Protecting Seniors'
5 Access to Doctors Act of 2010".

1 **SEC. 2. PHYSICIAN PAYMENT UPDATE.**

2 Section 1848(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1395w-4(d)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new paragraphs:

5 “(12) UPDATE FOR DECEMBER OF 2010.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs
7 (7)(B), (8)(B), (9)(B), (10)(B), and (11)(B), in
8 lieu of the update to the single conversion fac-
9 tor established in paragraph (1)(C) that would
10 otherwise apply for 2010 for the period begin-
11 ning on December 1, 2010, and ending on De-
12 cember 31, 2010, the update to the single con-
13 version factor shall be 1.0 percent.

14 “(B) NO EFFECT ON COMPUTATION OF
15 CONVERSION FACTOR FOR 2011 AND SUBSE-
16 QUENT YEARS.—The conversion factor under
17 this subsection shall be computed under para-
18 graph (1)(A) for 2011 and subsequent years as
19 if subparagraph (A) had never applied.

20 “(13) UPDATE FOR 2011.—

21 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs
22 (7)(B), (8)(B), (9)(B), (10)(B), (11)(B), and
23 (12)(B), in lieu of the update to the single con-
24 version factor established in paragraph (1)(C)
25 that would otherwise apply for 2011, the update

1 to the single conversion factor shall be 1.0 per-
2 cent.

3 “(B) NO EFFECT ON COMPUTATION OF
4 CONVERSION FACTOR FOR 2012 AND SUBSE-
5 QUENT YEARS.—The conversion factor under
6 this subsection shall be computed under para-
7 graph (1)(A) for 2012 and subsequent years as
8 if subparagraph (A) had never applied.”.

9 **SEC. 3. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.**

10 The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of
11 complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010,
12 shall be determined by reference to the latest statement
13 titled “Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation” for this
14 Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record
15 by the Chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, pro-
16 vided that such statement has been submitted prior to the
17 vote on passage.

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