

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1417

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide parity to Puerto Rico hospitals with respect to inpatient hospital payments under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2015

Mr. PIERLUISI 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 “Puerto Rico Hospital
5 Medicare Reimbursement Equity Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF MEDICARE INPATIENT HOS-**
2 **PITAL PAYMENT RATE FOR PUERTO RICO**
3 **HOSPITALS.**

4 Section 1886(d)(9)(E) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(9)(E)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (iii);

7 (2) in clause (iv), by inserting “and before Oc-
8 tober 1, 2015,” after “2004,” and by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new
11 clause:

12 “(v) on or after October 1, 2015, the applicable
13 Puerto Rico percentage is 0 percent and the applica-
14 ble Federal percentage is 100 percent.”.

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