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H. R. 953

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 17, 1993

Mr. SHAW (for himself and Mr. SAXTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Dependent
3 Hospital Relief Act of 1993”.

4 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR MEDICARE-DEPENDENT,**
5 **SMALL RURAL HOSPITALS.**

6 (a) EXTENSION OF SPECIAL TREATMENT.—

7 (1) DETERMINATION OF PAYMENT AMOUNT.—

8 Section 1886(b)(3)(D) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(D)) is amended by striking
10 “March 31, 1993,” and inserting “March 31,
11 1996,”.

12 (2) ELIGIBILITY FOR DESIGNATION.—Section
13 1886(d)(5)(G)(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
14 1395ww(d)(5)(G)(i)) is amended by striking “March
15 31, 1993,” and inserting “March 31, 1996,”.

16 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
17 by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall take effect as if in-
18 cluded in the enactment of section 6003(f) of the
19 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989.

20 (b) REVISION OF CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section
22 1886(d)(5)(G)(iii)(IV) of the Social Security Act (42
23 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(G)(iii)(IV)) is amended by
24 striking “during the cost reporting period beginning
25 during fiscal year 1987” and inserting “during at
26 least 2 of the cost reporting periods beginning on or

1 after October 1, 1986, and ending on or before Sep-
2 tember 30, 1990.”.

3 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
4 by paragraph (1) shall apply to cost reporting peri-
5 ods beginning on or after April 1, 1993.

6 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL PAYMENT FOR OTHER MEDICARE DE-**
7 **PENDENT HOSPITALS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)) is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (H) and (I)
11 as subparagraphs (I) and (J); and

12 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
13 lowing new subparagraph:

14 “(G)(i) For discharges occurring on or after October
15 1, 1993, and on or before September 30, 1995, the Sec-
16 retary shall provide, in accordance with this subparagraph,
17 for an additional payment amount for each subsection (d)
18 hospital—

19 “(I) that is not a medicare-dependent, small
20 rural hospital (as defined in subparagraph (G)(iii));
21 and

22 “(II) for which not less than 65 percent of its
23 inpatient days or discharges during at least 2 of the
24 cost reporting periods beginning on or after October
25 1, 1986, and ending on or before September 30,

1 1990, were attributable to inpatients entitled to ben-
2 efits under part A.

3 “(ii) The amount of the additional payment made
4 under this subparagraph for each discharge shall be equal
5 to 3 percent of the sum of—

6 “(I) the amount determined under paragraph
7 (1)(A)(iii); and

8 “(II) the amount paid to the hospital under
9 subparagraph (A) for that discharge.”.

10 (b) APPLICABILITY TO HOSPITALS IN PUERTO
11 RICO.—Section 1886(d)(9)(D) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1395ww(d)(9)(D)) is amended—

13 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “Subparagraph
14 (H)” and inserting “Subparagraph (I)”;

15 (2) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause (v);
16 and

17 (3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following
18 new clause:

19 “(iv) Subparagraph (G) (relating to additional
20 payments for medicare-dependent hospitals).”.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to discharges occurring
23 on or after October 1, 1993.

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