

105<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 1864

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 1998

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 Social Work  
5       Equity Act of 1998”.

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1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUDING CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES**  
2 **FROM COVERAGE UNDER THE MEDICARE**  
3 **SKILLED NURSING FACILITY PROSPECTIVE**  
4 **PAYMENT SYSTEM.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the  
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(ii)) (as  
7 added by section 4432(a) of the Balanced Budget Act of  
8 1997) is amended by inserting “clinical social worker serv-  
9 ices,” after “qualified psychologist services,”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall apply as if included in the enactment  
12 of section 4432(a) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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