

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5392

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide relief for small business concerns from Medicare consolidated billing requirements and to exclude services of certain providers from the skilled nursing facility prospective payment system, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 5, 2000

Mr. TALENT (for himself and Mr. CRANE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. MEDICARE DIRECT PAYMENT TO SMALL BUSI-**
2 **NESS CONCERNS FOR ITEMS FURNISHED TO**
3 **SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AND HOME**
4 **HEALTH PATIENTS.**

5 Section 1842(b)(6) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1395u) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing: “In the case of items or services furnished pursu-
8 ant to clause (E) or (F) of the first sentence of this para-
9 graph by a small business concern (as defined in section
10 (3)(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 632(a)), pay-
11 ment shall be made directly to the small business concern
12 upon submission (which may be in electronic form) of a
13 request for payment verified by the skilled nursing facility
14 or agency through which the item or service was furnished
15 to the patient.”.

16 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRANSPOR-**
17 **TATION OF PORTABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.**

18 (a) EXCLUSION FROM PAYMENT UNDER THE SNF
19 PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM OF SERVICES OF CER-
20 TAIN PROVIDERS AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS FOR
21 PORTABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.—Section
22 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(ii)) is amended—

24 (1) by inserting after “anesthetist,” the fol-
25 lowing: “portable electrocardiograms, portable x-
26 rays, portable mammograms,”; and

1 (2) by striking “only with respect to services
2 furnished during 1998”.

3 (b) RESTORATION OF PAYMENT FOR TRANSPOR-
4 TATION OF EKG EQUIPMENT.—Section 4559(a) of the
5 Balanced Budget Act of 1997 is amended by striking “Ef-
6 fective only for electrocardiogram tests furnished during
7 1998, the” and inserting “The”.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section apply to items and services furnished on or
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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