

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 1083

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude clinical social worker services from coverage under the medicare skilled nursing facility prospective payment system.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 21, 2001

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. INOUE) 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 “Clinical Social Work  
5       Medicare Equity Act of 2001”.

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

5 (a) **EXCLUSION OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERV-**  
6 **ICES.—**

7 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of  
8 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(ii)) is amended by inserting “clin-  
10 ical social worker services,” after “qualified psychol-  
11 ogist services,”.

12 (2) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—**Section  
13 1861(hh)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hh)(2))  
14 is amended by striking “and other than services fur-  
15 nished to an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility  
16 which the facility is required to provide as a require-  
17 ment for participation”.

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.—**The amendments made by  
19 this section apply with respect to services furnished on or  
20 after January 1, 2002.

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