CONGRATULATIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN’S FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN
OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the University of Wisconsin’s football team. This has been an exceptional season for the Badgers in many respects.

For the second straight year, the Badgers are off to play in a major NCAA Bowl Game. The Badgers could go to the Rose Bowl, just as they did last year, or to another major bowl, depending on how other college teams fare in the closing weeks of the season. On Saturday, a beautiful and unusually balmy day at Camp Randall, the Badgers sealed their ticket to a bowl game by defeating the Iowa Hawkeyes, 41 to 3, and winning the Big Ten championship.

But securing the championship was not all that was celebrated on Saturday. Before nearly 80,000 screaming Badger fans, tailback Ron Dayne made history as he became the all-time rushing leader in NCAA Division I football. Ron Dayne has finished his collegiate career with 6,397 yards—and is the favorite for winning this year’s Heisman Trophy.

Ron Dayne’s historic record and going to a major bowl game for the second straight year are only part of the triumphant season. The whole team created this championship. It was particularly heartening to see the team come together when Coach Barry Alvarez was either coaching from his hospital bed or the coach’s box while waiting for knee replacement surgery.

The Badgers end the regular season with a 9-2 record. Congratulations to all the players, students and fans at the University of Wisconsin. I look forward to enjoying the Fifth Quarter at the bowl game. On Wisconsin!

STopping abuse of comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility program

HON. FORNEY PETE STARK
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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, one of the good services in Medicare is the CORF (Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility) program, where beneficiaries recovering from an illness or operation can get a wide range of quality rehab services.

Unfortunately, there appears to be a loophole in the law allowing the establishment of “satellite” CORFs. In this scheme, doctors are off to play in a major NCAA Bowl Game. The mechanics of this service for the placement of a therapist. The rent is, in my opinion, a violation of the anti-kickback laws and is a way to get referrals that greatly drives up utilization and costs for Medicare.

To stop this problem, I am introducing a bill, with an effective date of today, to require that all CORF services be provided at one site. I submit a letter from the HCFA Deputy Administrator on this issue and on the steps Medicare is taking to avoid fraudulent utilization in this area. The Administration is trying to take its efforts to prevent abuse in this area—but clarifying the law will also be helpful.

M. Michael M. Hash, Deputy Administrator.