

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2294

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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2001

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. LEACH, Ms. LEE, and Mr. TOWNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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,*

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) IN GENERAL.—Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(ii)) is
7 amended by inserting “clinical social worker services,”
8 after “qualified psychologist services,”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
10 1861(hh)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hh)(2)) is
11 amended by striking “and other than services furnished
12 to an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility which the facil-
13 ity is required to provide as a requirement for participa-
14 tion”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to items and services furnished on
17 or after January 1, 2002.

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