

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1679

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to accelerate the reduction in the amount of beneficiary copayment liability for medicare outpatient services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

Mr. CONRAD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 Beneficiary
5 Liability Reduction Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCELERATING THE RATE OF REDUCTION OF BEN-**
 2 **EFICIARY COPAYMENT LIABILITY UNDER**
 3 **THE MEDICARE HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DE-**
 4 **PARTMENT PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM.**

5 Section 1833(t)(8)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act
 6 (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(8)(C)(ii)) is amended—

7 (1) in clause (v), by striking “and thereafter”;
 8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 10 clauses:

11 “(VI) For procedures performed
 12 in 2007, 35 percent.

13 “(VII) For procedures performed
 14 in 2008, 30 percent.

15 “(VIII) For procedures per-
 16 formed in 2009, 25 percent.

17 “(IX) For procedures performed
 18 in 2010 and thereafter, 20 percent.”.

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