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H. R. 1354

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for mandatory coverage of services furnished by nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists under State Medicaid plans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 16, 1997

Mr. OLVER (for himself, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FROST, and Ms. LOFGREN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF SERVICES FUR-**
4 **NISHED BY CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITION-**
5 **ERS AND CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(21) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(21)) is amended to read
8 as follows:

1 “(21) services furnished by a certified nurse
2 practitioner (as defined by the Secretary) or a clinical
3 nurse specialist (as defined in subsection (t))
4 which the certified nurse practitioner or clinical
5 nurse specialist is legally authorized to perform
6 under State law (or the State regulatory mechanism
7 provided by State law), whether or not the certified
8 nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist is
9 under the supervision of, or associated with, a physi-
10 cian or other health care provider;”.

11 (b) DEFINITION OF CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST.—
12 Section 1905 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended
13 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

14 “(t) The term ‘clinical nurse specialist’ means an in-
15 dividual who has earned a master’s degree in a clinical
16 area of nursing from an accredited institution and who
17 is a registered nurse licensed to practice nursing in the
18 State in which the individual furnishes services.”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to calendar quarters
21 beginning on or after January 1, 1998, without regard
22 to whether or not final regulations to carry out such
23 amendments have been promulgated by such date.

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