

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2703

To amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to continue after 2001 continuous open enrollment of individuals in Medicare+Choice plans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 21, 1997

Mr. STARK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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. CONTINUATION AFTER 2001 OF CONTINUOUS**
4 **OPEN ENROLLMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN**
5 **MEDICARE+CHOICE PLANS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 1851(e)
7 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–21(e)), as

1 inserted by section 4001 of the Balanced Budget Act of
 2 1997, is amended to read as follows:

3 “(2) CONTINUOUS OPEN ENROLLMENT AND
 4 DISENROLLMENT.—Subject to paragraph (5), a
 5 Medicare+Choice eligible individual may change the
 6 election under subsection (a)(1) at any time.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8 (1) Such section 1851(e) is further amended—

9 (A) in paragraph (4)—

10 (i) in the first sentence, by striking
 11 “Effective” and all that follows through
 12 “if—” and inserting “A special election pe-
 13 riod under this paragraph occurs with re-
 14 spect to an individual who has elected a
 15 Medicare+Choice plan offered by a
 16 Medicare+Choice organization if—”, and

17 (ii) by striking the second sentence;

18 (B) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “the
 19 first sentence of”; and

20 (C) in paragraph (6)(A), by striking “the
 21 first sentence of”.

22 (2) Section 1882(s)(3)(b)(ii) of such Act (42
 23 U.S.C. 1395ss(s)(3)(b)(ii)), as added by section

- 1 4031(a)(3) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, is
- 2 amended by striking “the first sentence of”.

