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H. R. 4219

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make certain changes related to payments for graduate medical education under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 1998

Mr. BALDACCİ (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. SANDERS) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Graduate Medical Edu-
5 cation Technical Amendments of 1998”.

1 **SEC. 2. INDIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AD-**
2 **JUSTMENT.**

3 Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(v) of the Social Security Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(v)) (as added by section
5 4621(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended
6 by striking “in the hospital with respect to the hospital’s
7 most recent cost reporting period ending on or before De-
8 cember 31, 1996” and inserting “who were appointed by
9 the hospital’s approved medical residency training pro-
10 grams for the hospital’s most recent cost reporting period
11 ending on or before December 31, 1996. The preceding
12 sentence shall not apply to a hospital that sponsors only
13 1 allopathic or osteopathic residency program.”.

14 **SEC. 3. DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ADJUST-**
15 **MENT.**

16 (a) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF RESIDENTS.—Sec-
17 tion 1886(h)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
18 1395ww(h)(4)(F)) (as added by section 4623 of the Bal-
19 anced Budget Act of 1997) is amended by inserting “who
20 were appointed by the hospital’s approved medical resi-
21 dency training programs” after “may not exceed the num-
22 ber of such full-time equivalent residents”.

23 (b) FUNDING.—

24 (1) NEW PROGRAMS.—The first sentence of sec-
25 tion 1886(h)(4)(H)(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
26 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(i)) (as added by section 4623 of

1 the Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended by in-
2 serting “and before September 30, 1999” after
3 “January 1, 1995”.

4 (2) PROGRAMS MEETING RURAL NEEDS.—The
5 second sentence of such section is amended by strik-
6 ing the period at the end and inserting “, including
7 facilities that are not located in an undeserved rural
8 area but have established separately accredited rural
9 training tracks.”.

10 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

11 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
12 as if included in the enactment of the Balanced Budget
13 Act of 1997.

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