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H. R. 689

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to continue full-time-equivalent resident reimbursement for an additional one year under Medicare for direct graduate medical education for residents enrolled in combined approved primary care medical residency training programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 1997

Ms. SLAUGHTER (for herself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. McNULTY, and Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island) 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

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to continue full-time-equivalent resident reimbursement for an additional one year under Medicare for direct graduate medical education for residents enrolled in combined approved primary care medical residency training programs.

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 “Primary Care Pro-
5 motion Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE SPECIAL REIMBURSEMENT RULE FOR**
 2 **PRIMARY CARE COMBINED RESIDENCY PRO-**
 3 **GRAMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(h)(5)(G) of the So-
 5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(5)(G)) is amend-
 6 ed—

7 (1) in clause (i), by striking “and (iii)” and in-
 8 serting “, (iii), and (iv)”;

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(iv) SPECIAL RULE FOR PRIMARY
 11 CARE COMBINED RESIDENCY PROGRAMS.—

12 (I) In the case of a resident enrolled in a
 13 combined medical residency training pro-
 14 gram in which all of the individual pro-
 15 grams (that are combined) are for training
 16 a primary care resident (as defined in sub-
 17 paragraph (H)), the period of board eligi-
 18 bility shall be the minimum number of
 19 years of formal training required to satisfy
 20 the requirements for initial board eligibility
 21 in the longest of the individual programs
 22 plus one additional year.

23 “(II) A resident enrolled in a com-
 24 bined medical residency training program
 25 that includes an obstetrics and gynecology
 26 program qualifies for the period of board

1 eligibility under subclause (I) if the other
2 programs such resident combines with such
3 obstetrics and gynecology program are for
4 training a primary care resident.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 subsection (a) apply to combined medical residency pro-
7 grams in effect on or after July 1, 1996.

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