

105TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1326

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for medicaid coverage of all certified nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists services.

---

## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 28, 1997

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

---

## A BILL

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for medicaid coverage of all certified nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists services.

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 ALL CERTIFIED**  
4 **NURSE PRACTITIONER AND CLINICAL NURSE**  
5 **SPECIALIST SERVICES.**

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 clinical  
 3           nurse specialist (as defined in subsection (v)) which  
 4           the certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse spe-  
 5           cialist is legally authorized to perform under State  
 6           law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided by  
 7           State law), whether or not the certified nurse practi-  
 8           tioner or clinical nurse specialist is under the super-  
 9           vision of, or associated with, a physician or other  
 10          health care provider;”.

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

14          “(v) The term ‘clinical nurse specialist’ means an in-  
 15          dividual who—

16               “(1) is a registered nurse and is licensed to  
 17               practice nursing in the State in which the clinical  
 18               nurse specialist services are performed; and

19               “(2) holds a master’s degree in a defined area  
 20               of clinical nursing from an accredited educational in-  
 21               stitution.”.

22          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 23          this section shall become effective with respect to pay-

1 ments for calendar quarters beginning on or after January  
2 1, 1998.

