

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1864

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude clinical social worker services from coverage under the medicare skilled nursing facility prospective payment system.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 26, 1998

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 “Medicare Social Work  
5 Equity Act of 1998”.



1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUDING CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES**  
2 **FROM COVERAGE UNDER THE MEDICARE**  
3 **SKILLED NURSING FACILITY PROSPECTIVE**  
4 **PAYMENT SYSTEM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the  
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(ii)) (as  
7 added by section 4432(a) of the Balanced Budget Act of  
8 1997) is amended by inserting “clinical social worker serv-  
9 ices,” after “qualified psychologist services,”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall apply as if included in the enactment  
12 of section 4432(a) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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