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S. 372

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a 5-year reinstatement of the medicare-dependent, small, rural hospital payment provisions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 27, 1997

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

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. MEDICARE-DEPENDENT, SMALL, RURAL HOS-**
4 **PITAL PAYMENT REINSTATEMENT.**

5 (a) SPECIAL TREATMENT REINSTATED.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(G) of
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1395ww(d)(5)(G)) is amended—

1 (A) in clause (i), by striking “October 1,
2 1994” and inserting “October 1, 2002”; and

3 (B) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “October
4 1, 1994” and inserting “October 1, 2002”.

5 (2) REINSTATEMENT OF TARGET AMOUNT.—
6 Section 1886(b)(3)(D) of the Social Security Act (42
7 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(D)) is amended—

8 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
9 striking “September 30, 1994” and inserting
10 “September 30, 2002”;

11 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “and” at the
12 end;

13 (C) in clause (iii), by striking the period at
14 the end and inserting a comma; and

15 (D) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(iv) with respect to discharges occurring in fis-
18 cal year 1998, the target amount for the cost report-
19 ing period beginning in fiscal year 1994 increased by
20 the applicable percentage increases under subpara-
21 graph (B)(iv) which would have occurred in each of
22 fiscal years 1995 through 1997 if this subparagraph
23 had been in effect for such fiscal years; and

24 “(v) with respect to discharges occurring in fis-
25 cal years 1999 through 2002, the target amount for

1 the preceding year increased by the applicable per-
2 centage increase under subparagraph (B)(iv).”.

3 (3) PERMITTING HOSPITALS TO DECLINE RE-
4 CLASSIFICATION.—Section 13501(e)(2) of the Omni-
5 bus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C.
6 1395ww note) is amended by striking “or fiscal year
7 1994” and inserting “, fiscal year 1994, fiscal year
8 1998, fiscal year 1999, fiscal year 2000, fiscal year
9 2001, or fiscal year 2002”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall apply with respect to discharges occur-
12 ring on or after October 1, 1997.

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