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# S. 637

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 23, 1997

Mr. DEWINE 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 “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)”; and

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 train-  
7 ing programs in effect on or after July 1, 1996.

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