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# S. 776

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an increase in update for certain hospitals with a high proportion of medicare patients.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 21, 1997

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. MACK) 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. INCREASE IN UPDATE FOR CERTAIN HOS-**  
4                       **PITALS WITH A HIGH PROPORTION OF MEDI-**  
5                       **CARE PATIENTS.**

6       Section 1886(b)(3) of the Social Security Act (42  
7       U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)) is amended by adding at the end  
8       the following:

9       “(F)(i) For purposes of subsection (d), in the case  
10      of a medicare-dependent hospital described in clause (ii),

1 the applicable percentage increase otherwise determined  
2 under subparagraph (B)(i) shall be increased by—

3 “(I) 0.5 percentage points for discharges occur-  
4 ring during cost reporting periods beginning during  
5 fiscal year 1998, and

6 “(II) 0.3 percentage points for discharges oc-  
7 ccurring during cost reporting periods beginning dur-  
8 ing fiscal year 1999.

9 “(ii) A hospital described in this clause with respect  
10 to a cost reporting period is a subsection (d) hospital  
11 meeting the following requirements:

12 “(I) Not less than 60 percent of the hospital’s  
13 inpatient days during the most recent cost reporting  
14 period for which data is available were attributable  
15 to inpatients entitled to benefits under part A.

16 “(II) The hospital does not receive any addi-  
17 tional payment amount under subsection (d)(5)(F)  
18 (relating to payments for hospitals serving a dis-  
19 proportionate number of low-income patients) with  
20 respect to discharges occurring during the fiscal  
21 year.

22 “(III) The hospital does not receive any addi-  
23 tional payment amount under subsection (d)(5)(B)  
24 (relating to payment for the indirect costs of medical

1 education) or subsection (h) (relating to payment for  
2 direct medical education costs).

3 “(IV) In the case of a hospital located in a  
4 rural area, the hospital has more than 100 beds.”.

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