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H. R. 1222

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make certain changes related to payments for graduate medical education under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 1999

Mr. BALDACCI (for himself, Mr. KLECZKA, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Graduate Medical Edu-
5 cation Technical Amendments of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. INDIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AD-**
 2 **JUSTMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(v) of the
 4 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(v)) (as
 5 added by section 4621(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of
 6 1997) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “(v) In determining” and insert-
 8 ing “(v)(I) Subject to subclause (II), in deter-
 9 mining”;

10 (2) by striking “in the hospital with respect to
 11 the hospital’s most recent cost reporting period end-
 12 ing on or before December 31, 1996”; and inserting
 13 “who were appointed by the hospital’s approved
 14 medical residency training programs for the hos-
 15 pital’s most recent cost reporting period ending on
 16 or before December 31, 1996”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(II) Beginning on or after January 1, 1997, in the
 19 case of a hospital that sponsors only 1 allopathic or osteo-
 20 pathic residency program, the limit determined for such
 21 hospital under subclause (I) may, at the hospital’s discre-
 22 tion, be increased by 1 for each calendar year but shall
 23 not exceed a total of 3 more than the limit determined
 24 for the hospital under subclause (I).”.

25 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section
 26 1886(d)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is amended by moving clauses (ii), (v),
 2 and (vi) 2 ems to the left.

3 **SEC. 3. DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ADJUST-**
 4 **MENT.**

5 (a) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF RESIDENTS.—Sec-
 6 tion 1886(h)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 7 1395ww(h)(4)(F)) (as added by section 4623 of the
 8 Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended by inserting
 9 “who were appointed by the hospital’s approved medical
 10 residency training programs” after “may not exceed the
 11 number of such full-time equivalent residents”.

12 (b) FUNDING FOR NEW PROGRAMS.—The first sen-
 13 tence of section 1886(h)(4)(H)(i) of the Social Security
 14 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(i)) (as added by section
 15 4623 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended
 16 by inserting “and before September 30, 1999” after “Jan-
 17 uary 1, 1995”.

18 (c) FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS MEETING RURAL
 19 NEEDS.—The second sentence of section 1886(h)(4)(H)(i)
 20 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 21 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(i)) (as added by section 4623 of the
 22 Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended by striking the
 23 period at the end and inserting “, including facilities that
 24 are not located in an underserved rural area but have es-
 25 tablished separately accredited rural training tracks.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
3 as if included in the enactment of the Balanced Budget
4 Act of 1997.

