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# H. R. 1483

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the proper payment of approved nursing and paramedical education programs under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 1999

Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. STARK, Mr. CAMP, Mr. COYNE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, and Mr. FROST) 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

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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 Nursing and  
5 Paramedical Education Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUSION OF NURSING AND PARAMEDICAL EDU-**  
 2 **CATION COSTS IN CALCULATING**  
 3 **MEDICARE+CHOICE PAYMENT RATE.**

4 (a) EXCLUDING COSTS IN CALCULATING PAYMENT  
 5 RATE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1853(c)(3)(C)(i) of  
 7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–  
 8 23(c)(3)(C)(i)) is amended—

9 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
 10 clause (I);

11 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
 12 subclause (II) and inserting “, and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
 14 subclause:

15 “(III) for costs attributable to  
 16 approved nursing and paramedical  
 17 education programs under section  
 18 1861(v).”.

19 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
 20 by paragraph (1) apply in determining the annual  
 21 per capita rate of payment for years beginning with  
 22 2000.

23 (b) PAYMENT TO HOSPITALS OF NURSING AND  
 24 PARAMEDICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM COSTS FOR  
 25 MEDICARE+CHOICE ENROLLEES.—Section 1861(v)(1) of

1 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)) is amended by adding  
2 at the end the following new subparagraph:

3       “(V) In determining the amount of payment to a hos-  
4 pital for portions of cost reporting periods occurring on  
5 or after January 1, 2000, with respect to the reasonable  
6 costs for approved nursing and paramedical education pro-  
7 grams, individuals who are enrolled with a  
8 Medicare+Choice organization under part C shall be  
9 treated as if they were not so enrolled.”.

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