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H. R. 1514

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for mandatory coverage of services furnished by nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists under State Medicaid plans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 21, 1999

Mr. OLVER (for himself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. EVANS, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. KIND, Mr. FROST, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. NEY, Ms. RIVERS, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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 “Medicaid Nursing In-
5 centive Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF SERVICES FURNISHED BY**
2 **CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND**
3 **CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(21) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(21)) is amended to read
6 as follows:

7 “(21) services furnished by a certified nurse
8 practitioner (as defined by the Secretary) or a clin-
9 ical nurse specialist (as defined in subsection (v))
10 which the certified nurse practitioner or clinical
11 nurse specialist is legally authorized to perform
12 under State law (or the State regulatory mechanism
13 provided by State law), whether or not the certified
14 nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist is
15 under the supervision of, or associated with, a physi-
16 cian or other health care provider;”.

17 (b) DEFINITION OF CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST.—
18 Section 1905 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended
19 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

20 “(v) The term ‘clinical nurse specialist’ means an in-
21 dividual who has earned a master’s degree in a clinical
22 area of nursing from an accredited institution and who
23 is a registered nurse licensed to practice nursing in the
24 State in which the individual furnishes services.”.

25 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
26 subsections (a) and (b) apply to calendar quarters begin-

1 ning on or after January 1, 2000, without regard to
2 whether or not final regulations to carry out such amend-
3 ments have been promulgated by such date.

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