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H. R. 2070

To provide for development and implementation of a single, unified prospective payment system for post-care hospital services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 8, 1999

Mr. STARK 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 “Medicare Post-Acute
5 Care Payment Reform Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE SINGLE, UNIFIED PROSPECTIVE PAY-**
2 **MENT SYSTEM FOR POST-CARE HOSPITAL**
3 **SERVICES.**

4 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF PAYMENT SYSTEM.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—By not later than January
6 1, 2008, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
7 ices shall develop and transmit to Congress a plan
8 to provide for a single, unified system for the pay-
9 ment under a prospective payment system for post-
10 acute care hospital services (including professional
11 services) within a course of treatment under the
12 Medicare Program under title XVIII of the Social
13 Security Act.

14 (2) ADJUSTMENTS FOR AREA VARIATIONS IN
15 COSTS AND OUTLIERS.—Such a system shall provide
16 for appropriate adjustments to take into account—

17 (A) appropriate variations in the costs of
18 wages and such other input costs as the Sec-
19 retary finds appropriate; and

20 (B) outliers that reflect bona fide vari-
21 ations in the case mix and severity of patients
22 being served.

23 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Unless Congress provides
24 otherwise, the Secretary shall implement the system devel-
25 oped under subsection (a) for items and services furnished
26 on or after January 1, 2010.

1 (c) RELATION TO CURRENT PAYMENT METHODOLO-
2 GIES.—The system under this section shall be designed
3 and implemented so as to supersede the various different
4 prospective payment system for such services, which use
5 different payment, risk adjustment, and other criteria,
6 under the Medicare Program.

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