

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2230

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit the inclusion in the adjusted community rate for Medicare+Choice plans of costs that would be unallowable under Medicare principles or the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DISALLOWING COSTS THAT ARE UNALLOW-**
2 **ABLE UNDER MEDICARE PRINCIPLES OR THE**
3 **FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION IN**
4 **COMPUTING THE ADJUSTED COMMUNITY**
5 **RATE FOR MEDICARE+CHOICE PLANS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1854(f) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–24(f)) is amended by adding
8 at the end the following new paragraph:

9 “(5) EXCLUSION OF CERTAIN COSTS IN DETER-
10 MINING ADJUSTED COMMUNITY RATE.—In deter-
11 mining the adjusted community rate for an organi-
12 zation, there shall not be included any costs of the
13 organization which would not be allowable costs
14 under cost-reimbursement principles applied under
15 this title or under the Federal Acquisition Regula-
16 tion. Specifically, in carrying out this paragraph, the
17 Secretary shall not permit inclusion of costs of lob-
18 bying, political contributions, or communications
19 with plan members to urge them to lobby or to carry
20 out other political activities.”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
22 subsection (a) applies to determinations of adjusted com-
23 munity rates made after June 15, 1999.

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