H. R. 2266

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 1999

Mrs. LOWEY (for herself and Mr. QUINN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 HEAL (Hos-

5 pital Emergency Assistance Legislation) Act of 1999".

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN CERTAIN MEDICARE HOSPITAL PAY-**

7   **MENT AMOUNTS.**

8   (a) PAYMENTS FOR PPS HOSPITALS.—Section

9 1886(b)(3)(B)(i)   of   such   Act   (42   U.S.C.

10 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(i)) is amended—

1   (1) by striking subclauses (XV) and (XVI);

2   (2) by redesignating subclause (XVII) as sub-

3 clause (XVI);

4   (3) by inserting after subclause (XIV) the fol-

5 lowing new subclause:

6   "(XV) for each of fiscal years 2000 through

7 2002, the market basket percentage increase minus

8 1.0 percentage point for hospitals in all areas, and".

9   (b) INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION.—Section

10 188(d)(5)(B)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

11 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(ii)) is amended—

12   by striking subclauses (III), (IV), and (V) and

13 inserting the following new subclasue:

14   "(III) on or after October 1, 1998, 'c' is

15   equal to 1.6.".

16   (c) PAYMENTS FOR DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE AD-

17 JUSTMENTS.—Section 1886(d)(5)(F)(ix) of such Act (42

18 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(F)(ix)) is amended—

19   (1) by adding "and" at the end of subclause

20 (II); and

21   (2) by striking subclauses (III), (IV), (V), and

22 (VI) and inserting the following new subclause:

1   ''(III) during fiscal year 2000 and each subse-

2   quent fiscal year, such additional payment amount

3   shall be reduced by 0 percent.''.

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