

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2711

To amend section 4531(c) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to permit payment for ALS intercept services furnished in areas other than rural areas, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 1999

Mrs. KELLY (for herself, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. SWEENEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 Paramedic
5 Intercept Service Equity Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF COVERAGE OF MEDICARE PARA-**
2 **MEDIC INTERCEPT SERVICES.**

3 (a) **EXPANSION OF PAYMENT AREAS.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 4531(c) of the Bal-
5 anced Budget Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(7)
6 note, 111 Stat. 452) is amended in the matter pre-
7 ceding paragraph (1) by striking “in a rural area”.

8 (2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The heading of
9 such section is amended by striking “IN RURAL
10 COMMUNITIES”.

11 (b) **PAYMENTS NOT COUNTED IN COMPUTING AMBU-**
12 **LANCE FEE SCHEDULE.**—Section 1834(l)(3)(A) of the
13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(3)(A)) is amend-
14 ed by inserting “other than payments attributable to the
15 amendment made by section 2(a) of the Medicare Para-
16 medic Intercept Service Equity Act of 1999” after “the
17 aggregate amount of payments made for ambulance serv-
18 ices under this part during 2000”.

19 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
20 this section apply with respect to services furnished on or
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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