

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 3092

To amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to change the rate of increase in Medicare+Choice capitation rates for 2000 and subsequent years.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 1999

Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. TOWNS) 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 “Save Medicare Bene-
5 ficiaries Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHANGE IN RATE OF INCREASE IN**
2 **MEDICARE+CHOICE CAPITATION RATES FOR**
3 **2000 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1853(c)(3)(A) of the So-
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-23(c)(3)(A)) is
6 amended by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the
7 following:

8 “(i) for 1998 is, subject to subpara-
9 graph (D), the annual per capita rate of
10 payment for 1996 determined under sec-
11 tion 1876(a)(1)(C) for the area, increased
12 by the national per capita
13 Medicare+Choice growth percentage for
14 each of 1997 and 1998 (described in para-
15 graph (6)(A));

16 “(ii) for 1999 is the annual area spe-
17 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-
18 termined under this paragraph for 1998
19 for the area, increased by the national per
20 capita Medicare+Choice growth percentage
21 for 1999;

22 “(iii) for 2000 is the annual area spe-
23 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-
24 termined under this paragraph for 1999
25 for the area, increased 0.5 percentage
26 points;

1 “(iv) for 2001 is the annual area spe-
2 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-
3 termined under this paragraph for 2000
4 for the area, increased 1.0 percentage
5 points;

6 “(v) for 2002 is the annual area spe-
7 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-
8 termined under this paragraph for 2001
9 for the area, increased 1.25 percentage
10 points;

11 “(vi) for 2003 is the annual area spe-
12 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-
13 termined under this paragraph for 2002
14 for the area, increased 1.25 percentage
15 points;

16 “(vii) for 2004 is the annual area spe-
17 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-
18 termined under this paragraph for 2003
19 for the area, increased 1.0 percentage
20 points; and

21 “(viii) for a subsequent year is the an-
22 nual area specific Medicare+Choice capita-
23 tion rate determined under this paragraph
24 for the previous year for the area, in-
25 creased by the national per capita

1 Medicare+Choice growth percentage for
2 such subsequent year.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
4 1853(c)(6)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–
5 23(c)(6)(B)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking clauses (i) through (vi) of sub-
7 paragraph (B) and inserting the following:

8 “(i) for 1997, 0 percentage points;

9 “(ii) for 1998, 0.8 percentage points;

10 “(iii) for 1999, 0.5 percentage points;

11 and

12 “(iv) for a year after 1999, 0 percent-
13 age points.”; and

14 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Begin-
15 ning with rates calculated for 1999”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section apply to payments for months beginning with
18 January 2000.

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