

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3441

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the provision of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language pathology services, and respiratory therapy by a comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation facility (CORF) under the Medicare Program at a single, fixed location.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 1999

Mr. STARK 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIRING PROVISION OF THERAPY SERVICES**
2 **BY A COMPREHENSIVE OUTPATIENT REHA-**
3 **BILITATION FACILITY (CORF) UNDER THE**
4 **MEDICARE PROGRAM AT A SINGLE FIXED**
5 **LOCATION.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(cc)(1) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(cc)(1)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “fur-
9 nished at a single fixed facility” before the semi-
10 colon; and

11 (2) by striking the last sentence.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),
14 the amendments made by subsection (a) apply to
15 services furnished on or after November 17, 1999.

16 (2) TRANSITION.—In the case of a comprehen-
17 sive outpatient rehabilitation facility that was pro-
18 viding physical therapy, occupational therapy,
19 speech-language pathology services, and respiratory
20 therapy on an ongoing basis at more than one speci-
21 fied location as of November 17, 1999, the amend-
22 ments made by subsection (a) shall not apply with
23 respect to therapy furnished at such other locations
24 until one month after the date of the enactment of
25 this Act.