

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1476

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide an increase in payments for physician services provided in health professional shortage areas in Alaska and Hawaii.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 1999

Mr. MURKOWSKI (for himself, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. AKAKA) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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. INCREASE IN PAYMENTS FOR PHYSICIAN SERV-**  
4 **ICES PROVIDED IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL**  
5 **SHORTAGE AREAS IN ALASKA AND HAWAII.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(m) of the Social Se-  
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(m)) is amended by inserting

1 “(20 percent in such an area in Alaska or Hawaii) after  
2 “10 percent”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
4 subsection (a) shall apply to physician services furnished  
5 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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