

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 232

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide improved reimbursement for clinical social worker services under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 19, 1999

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. IMPROVED REIMBURSEMENT FOR CLINICAL**
4 **SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES UNDER MEDI-**
5 **CARE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1)(F)(ii) of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)(F)(ii)) is
8 amended to read as follows: “(ii) the amount determined
9 by a fee schedule established by the Secretary,”.

1 (b) DEFINITION OF CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER
 2 SERVICES EXPANDED.—Section 1861(hh)(2) of the Social
 3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hh)(2)) is amended by
 4 striking “services performed by a clinical social worker (as
 5 defined in paragraph (1))” and inserting “such services
 6 and such services and supplies furnished as an incident
 7 to such services performed by a clinical social worker (as
 8 defined in paragraph (1))”.

9 (c) CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES NOT TO
 10 BE INCLUDED IN INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES.—Sec-
 11 tion 1861(b)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 12 1395x(b)(4)) is amended by striking “and services” and
 13 inserting “clinical social worker services, and services”.

14 (d) TREATMENT OF SERVICES FURNISHED IN INPA-
 15 TIENT SETTING.—Section 1832(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Social
 16 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395k(a)(2)(B)(iii)) is amended
 17 by striking “and services” and inserting “clinical social
 18 worker services, and services”.

19 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 20 this section shall apply to payments made for clinical so-
 21 cial worker services furnished on or after January 1, 2000.

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