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S. 541

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make certain changes related to payments for graduate medical education under the Medicare Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 4, 1999

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. ROBERTS) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Graduate Medical Edu-
5 cation Technical Amendments of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. INDIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION AD-**
7 **JUSTMENT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(v) of the
9 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(v)) (as

1 added by section 4621(b) of the Balanced Budget Act of
2 1997) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “(v) In determining” and insert-
4 ing “(v)(I) Subject to subclause (II), in determin-
5 ing”;

6 (2) by striking “in the hospital with respect to
7 the hospital’s most recent cost reporting period end-
8 ing on or before December 31, 1996”; and inserting
9 “who were appointed by the hospital’s approved
10 medical residency training programs for the hos-
11 pital’s most recent cost reporting period ending on
12 or before December 31, 1996”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(II) Beginning on or after January 1, 1997, in the
15 case of a hospital that sponsors only 1 allopathic or osteo-
16 pathic residency program, the limit determined for such
17 hospital under subclause (I) may, at the hospital’s discre-
18 tion, be increased by 1 for each calendar year but shall
19 not exceed a total of 3 more than the limit determined
20 for the hospital under subclause (I).”.

21 (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—Section
22 1886(d)(5)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1395ww(d)(5)(B)) is amended by moving clauses (ii), (v),
24 and (vi) 2 ems to the left.

1 **SEC. 3. DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION ADJUST-**
 2 **MENT.**

3 (a) LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF RESIDENTS.—Sec-
 4 tion 1886(h)(4)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 5 1395ww(h)(4)(F)) (as added by section 4623 of the Bal-
 6 anced Budget Act of 1997) is amended by inserting “who
 7 were appointed by the hospital’s approved medical resi-
 8 dency training programs” after “may not exceed the num-
 9 ber of such full-time equivalent residents”.

10 (b) FUNDING FOR NEW PROGRAMS.—The first sen-
 11 tence of section 1886(h)(4)(H)(i) of the Social Security
 12 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(i)) (as added by section
 13 4623 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended
 14 by inserting “and before September 30, 1999” after “Jan-
 15 uary 1, 1995”.

16 (c) FUNDING FOR PROGRAMS MEETING RURAL
 17 NEEDS.—The second sentence of section 1886(h)(4)(H)(i)
 18 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 19 1395ww(h)(4)(H)(i)) (as added by section 4623 of the
 20 Balanced Budget Act of 1997) is amended by striking the
 21 period at the end and inserting “, including facilities that
 22 are not located in an underserved rural area but have es-
 23 tablished separately accredited rural training tracks.”.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
3 as if included in the enactment of the Balanced Budget
4 Act of 1997.

