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S. 847

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exclude clinical social worker services from coverage under the Medicare skilled nursing facility prospective payment system.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 21, 1999

Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. INOUE, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. REID, and Mr. BINGAMAN) 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 “Medicare Social Work
5 Equity Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUDING CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES**
 2 **FROM COVERAGE UNDER THE MEDICARE**
 3 **SKILLED NURSING FACILITY PROSPECTIVE**
 4 **PAYMENT SYSTEM AND CONSOLIDATED PAY-**
 5 **MENT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the
 7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(ii)) is
 8 amended by inserting “clinical social worker services,”
 9 after “qualified psychologist services,”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 11 1861(hh)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hh)(2)) is
 12 amended by striking “and other than services furnished
 13 to an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility which the facil-
 14 ity is required to provide as a requirement for participa-
 15 tion”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 17 this section apply as if included in the enactment of sec-
 18 tion 4432(a) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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