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S. 863

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for medicaid coverage of all certified nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 22, 1999

Mr. DASCHLE (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. DORGAN) 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 “Medicaid Nursing In-
5 centive Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF ALL CERTIFIED NURSE**
 2 **PRACTITIONER AND CLINICAL NURSE SPE-**
 3 **CIALIST SERVICES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(21) of the Social
 5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(21)) is amended to read
 6 as follows:

7 “(21) services furnished by a certified nurse
 8 practitioner (as defined by the Secretary) or clinical
 9 nurse specialist (as defined in subsection (v)) which
 10 the certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse spe-
 11 cialist is legally authorized to perform under State
 12 law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided by
 13 State law), whether or not the certified nurse practi-
 14 tioner or clinical nurse specialist is under the super-
 15 vision of, or associated with, a physician or other
 16 health care provider;”.

17 (b) CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST DEFINED.—Sec-
 18 tion 1905 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended by
 19 adding at the end the following:

20 “(v) The term ‘clinical nurse specialist’ means an in-
 21 dividual who—

22 “(1) is a registered nurse and is licensed to
 23 practice nursing in the State in which the clinical
 24 nurse specialist services are performed; and

1 “(2) holds a master’s degree in a defined area
2 of clinical nursing from an accredited educational in-
3 stitution.”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall become effective with respect to pay-
6 ments for calendar quarters beginning on or after January
7 1, 2000.

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