

107TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2294

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2001

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. LEACH, Ms. LEE, and Mr. TOWNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Clinical Social Work  
5       Medicare Equity Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCLUDING CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER SERVICES**2 **FROM COVERAGE UNDER THE MEDICARE**  
3 **SKILLED NURSING FACILITY PROSPECTIVE**  
4 **PAYMENT SYSTEM.**5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1888(e)(2)(A)(ii) of the  
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)(2)(A)(ii)) is  
7 amended by inserting “clinical social worker services,”  
8 after “qualified psychologist services.”.9 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—Section  
10 1861(hh)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hh)(2)) is  
11 amended by striking “and other than services furnished  
12 to an inpatient of a skilled nursing facility which the facil-  
13 ity is required to provide as a requirement for participa-  
14 tion”.15 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
16 this section shall apply to items and services furnished on  
17 or after January 1, 2002.