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S. 1605

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payment under the Medicare Program for four hemodialysis treatments per week for certain patients, to provide for an increased update in the composite payment rate for dialysis treatments, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 31, 2001

Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. FRIST) 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 Dialysis Ben-
5 efit Improvement Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF FOUR HEMODIALYSIS TREATMENTS**
2 **PER WEEK.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1881(b) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395rr(b)) is amended by inserting
5 after the first sentence the following: “Payment shall be
6 made under this paragraph for a fourth hemodialysis
7 treatment session per week for pediatric patients, patients
8 who weigh more than 80 kilograms, or for patients with
9 a fluid-induced cardiovascular disease (as determined by
10 the Secretary), and the Secretary shall provide for pay-
11 ment for such fourth treatment session at the same per
12 session composite rate that otherwise applies under this
13 paragraph.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply to dialysis services furnished on
16 or after January 1, 2002.

17 **SEC. 3. UPDATE IN RENAL DIALYSIS COMPOSITE RATE FOR**
18 **2002.**

19 The last sentence of section 1881(b) of the Social Se-
20 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395rr(b)), as amended by section
21 422(a) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits
22 Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (114 Stat.
23 2763A–516), as enacted into law by section 1(a)(6) of
24 Public Law 106–554, is amended—

25 (1) by striking “and” before “for such serv-
26 ices”; and

1 (2) by inserting before the period the following:
2 “and for such services furnished on or after January
3 1, 2002, by 2.6 percent above such composite rate
4 payment amounts for such services furnished on De-
5 cember 31, 2001”.

6 **SEC. 4. RESTORATION OF EXCEPTION TO COMPOSITE**
7 **RATES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 422(a) of the Medicare,
9 Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protec-
10 tion Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2763A–516), as enacted into
11 law by section 1(a)(6) of Public Law 106–554, is amended
12 by striking paragraph (2) (relating to prohibition on ex-
13 ceptions).

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
15 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-
16 ment of such section 422(a).

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