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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the definition of homebound with respect to home health services under the medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 10, 2002

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. BOND, and Mr. HUTCHINSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 "Home Health Mod-

5 ernization Act of 2002".

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF THE DEFINITION OF HOME-**

7 **BOUND.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Sections 1814(a) and 1835(a) of

9 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a); 1395n(a))

1 are each amended by striking the last 2 sentences and in-
2 serting the following: "Any other absence of an individual
3 from the home, including any absence for the purpose of
4 attending a religious service, shall not so disqualify the
5 individual.".

6   (b) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—(1) The sixth sen-
7 tence of section 1814(a) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1395f(a)) and the seventh sentence of section
9 1835(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395n(a)) are each
10 amended by striking "leave home," and inserting "leave
11 home and".

12   (2) Section 1814(a) of the Social Security Act (42
13 U.S.C. 1395f(a)) is amended by moving the seventh sen-
14 tence, as added by section 322(a)(1) of the Medicare,
15 Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protec-
16 tion Act of 2000 (appendix F, 114 Stat. 2763A–501), as
17 enacted into law by section 1(a)(6) of Public Law 106–
18 554, to the end of that section.

19   (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this section shall apply to items and services furnished on
21 or after the date of enactment of this Act.

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