

107TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2447

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 2, 2002

Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. HELMS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. DAYTON, and Ms. CANTWELL) 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 “Teaching Hospital
5 Preservation Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. FREEZING INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION (IME)**

2 **ADJUSTMENT PERCENTAGE AT 6.5 PERCENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(ii) of the
4 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(ii)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) in subclause (V), by adding “and” at the
7 end; and

8 (2) by striking subclauses (VI) and (VII) and
9 inserting the following new subclause:

10 “(VI) on or after October 1, 2001, ‘c’ is
11 equal to 1.6.”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO DE-
13 TERMINATION OF STANDARDIZED AMOUNT.—Section
14 1886(d)(2)(C)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1395ww(d)(2)(C)(i)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “1999 or” and inserting
17 “1999,”; and

18 (2) by inserting “, or of section 2 of the Teach-
19 ing Hospital Preservation Act of 2002” after
20 “2000”.

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