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S. 839

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment for inpatient hospital services under the medicare program and to freeze the reduction in payments to hospitals for indirect costs of medical education.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2001

Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. BAYH, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. BURNS, Mr. KERRY, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. HELMS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. BIDEN) 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 “American Hospital
5 Preservation Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESTORING FULL MARKET BASKET UPDATE FOR**
 2 **INPATIENT PPS HOSPITALS.**

3 Section 1886(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Social Security Act
 4 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(i)), as amended by section
 5 301(a) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits
 6 Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (114 Stat.
 7 2763A–491), as enacted into law by Public Law 106–554,
 8 is amended—

9 (1) in subclause (XV), by adding “and” at the
 10 end;

11 (2) in subclause (XVI)—

12 (A) by inserting “and each subsequent fis-
 13 cal year” after “for fiscal year 2001”; and

14 (B) by striking the comma at the end and
 15 inserting a period; and

16 (3) by striking subclauses (XVII), (XVIII), and
 17 (XIX).

18 **SEC. 3. FREEZING INDIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION (IME)**
 19 **ADJUSTMENT PERCENTAGE AT 6.5 PERCENT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(ii) of the
 21 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(ii)), as
 22 amended by section 302(a) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and
 23 SCHIP Benefits Improvement Act of 2000 (114 Stat.
 24 2763A–493), as enacted into law by Public Law 106–554,
 25 is amended—

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

3 (2) by striking subclauses (VI) and (VII) and
4 inserting the following:

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

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT RELATING TO DE-
8 TERMINATION OF STANDARDIZED AMOUNT.—Section
9 1886(d)(2)(C)(i) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1395ww(d)(2)(C)(i)), as amended by section 302(c) of the
11 Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement
12 and Protection Act of 2000 (114 Stat. 2763A–493), as
13 enacted into law by Public Law 106–554, is amended—

14 (1) by striking “1999 or” and inserting
15 “1999,”; and

16 (2) by inserting “, or of section 3 of the Amer-
17 ican Hospital Preservation Act of 2001” after
18 “2000”.

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