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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to specify the update for payments under the Medicare physician fee schedule for 2003.

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Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. ROSS, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. REYES, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. FROST, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. WYNN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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 Physician
5 Protection Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIFICATION OF THE UPDATE FOR PAYMENTS**
2 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PHYSICIAN FEE**
3 **SCHEDULE FOR 2003.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1848(d) of the Social Se-
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(d)) is amended by adding
6 at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(5) CONVERSION FACTOR FOR 2003.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The conversion factor
9 established under this subsection for 2003 shall
10 be equal to the conversion factor established
11 under this subsection for 2002.

12 “(B) NO EFFECT FOR SUBSEQUENT PERI-
13 ODS.—The conversion factor under paragraph
14 (1) and the update adjustment factor under
15 paragraph (4)(B) for a year after 2003 shall be
16 applied and computed as if subparagraph (A)
17 had not been in effect.

18 “(C) CONFORMING PROVISIONS TO EN-
19 SURE NO EFFECT FOR SUBSEQUENT PERI-
20 ODS.—In carrying out subparagraph (B):

21 “(i) NO EFFECT ON TARGET FOR AL-
22 LOWED EXPENDITURES.—The allowed ex-
23 penditures under paragraph (4)(C)(iii) for
24 years after 2003 shall be applied and com-
25 puted as if subparagraph (A) had not been
26 in effect.

1 “(ii) REMOVAL OF ADDITIONAL EX-
 2 PENDITURES FROM ACTUAL EXPENDI-
 3 TURES.—In applying paragraph (4)(B) for
 4 years beginning with 2004, the actual ex-
 5 penditures for 2003 shall be the actual ex-
 6 penditures otherwise determined multiplied
 7 by the ratio of (I) the amount of the con-
 8 version factor that would have applied for
 9 2003 under this subsection but for this
 10 paragraph, to (II) the amount of the con-
 11 version factor that is applied for 2003
 12 under this paragraph.

13 “(iii) NOT TREATED AS CHANGE IN
 14 LAW AND REGULATION IN SUSTAINABLE
 15 GROWTH RATE DETERMINATION.—The en-
 16 actment of this paragraph shall not be
 17 treated as a change in law for purposes of
 18 applying subsection (f)(2)(D).”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1848(d)
 20 of the such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(d)) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “and sub-
 22 ject to paragraph (5)” after “with 2001”;

23 (2) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “(includ-
 24 ing paragraph (5))” after “Unless otherwise pro-
 25 vided by law”;

1 (3) in paragraph (4)(B), by inserting “and sub-
2 paragraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (5)” after
3 “subparagraph (D)” in the matter preceding clause
4 (i); and

5 (4) in paragraph (4)(C)(iii), by striking “The
6 allowed expenditures” and inserting “Subject to
7 paragraph (5)(C)(i), the allowed expenditures”.

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