

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 500

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a permanent increase in payment amounts under the Medicare Program for home health services furnished in rural areas.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 29, 2003

Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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## 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. PERMANENT INCREASE FOR HOME HEALTH**  
4 **SERVICES FURNISHED IN A RURAL AREA.**

5 Section 1895(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1395fff(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
7 new paragraph:

1           “(7) INCREASE FOR RURAL AREAS.—In the  
2           case of home health services furnished in a rural  
3           area (as defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D)) on or  
4           after April 1, 2003, the payment amount otherwise  
5           made under this subsection for such services shall be  
6           increased by 10 percent.”.

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