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# H. R. 967

To extend for 3 additional years a temporary increase in payment for skilled nursing facility services under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2003

Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. FROST, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. GOODE, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. WOLF, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. ORTIZ, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. CARDOZA, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KIND, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. BERRY, and Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Beneficiary  
3 Skilled Nursing Protection Act of 2003”.

4 **SEC. 2. 3-YEAR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN PAYMENT PROVI-**  
5 **SIONS FOR SKILLED NURSING FACILITY**  
6 **SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

7 (a) 3-YEAR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY INCREASE  
8 IN NURSING COMPONENT OF PPS FEDERAL RATE.—Sec-  
9 tion 312(a) of Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits  
10 Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (114 Stat.  
11 2763A–498), as enacted into law by section 1(a)(6) of  
12 Public Law 106–554, is amended by striking “, and before  
13 October 1, 2002” and inserting “and before October 1,  
14 2005”.

15 (b) 3-YEAR EXTENSION OF INCREASE FOR SKILLED  
16 NURSING FACILITY ADJUSTED FEDERAL PER DIEM  
17 RATE THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2005.—Section 101(d) of  
18 the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Re-  
19 finement Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 1501A–325), as enacted  
20 into law by section 1000(a)(6) of Public Law 106–113,  
21 is amended—

22 (1) in the heading, by striking “AND 2002” and  
23 inserting “THROUGH 2005”; and

24 (2) in paragraph (1), by striking “and 2002”  
25 and inserting “through 2005”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall be effective as if this section had been  
3 enacted before October 1, 2002. The Secretary of Health  
4 and Human Services shall promptly provide for such ad-  
5 justments in payments as may be required based on such  
6 amendments for services furnished during periods before  
7 the date of implementation of such amendments.

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