

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1729

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase inpatient hospital payments under the Medicare Program to Puerto Rico hospitals.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2005

Mr. FORTUÑO (for himself, Mr. WELLER, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida, Mr. DENT, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. OWENS, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, and Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Puerto Rico Medicare  
5 Reimbursement Equity Act of 2005”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF MEDICARE INPATIENT HOS-**  
2 **PITAL PAYMENT RATE FOR PUERTO RICO**  
3 **HOSPITALS.**

4 Section 1886(d)(9)(E) of the Social Security Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(9)(E)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (iii);

7 (2) in clause (iv), by inserting “and before Oc-  
8 tober 1, 2005,” after “2004,” and by striking the  
9 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
11 clause:

12 “(v) on or after October 1, 2005, the applicable  
13 Puerto Rico percentage is 0 percent and the applica-  
14 ble Federal percentage is 100 percent.”.

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