

109TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5348

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to restore financial stability to Medicare anesthesiology teaching programs for resident physicians.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 10, 2006

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. EMANUEL, and Mr. ENGEL) 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 Anesthesi-
5 ology Teaching Funding Restoration Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL PAYMENT RULE FOR TEACHING ANESTHE-**
2 **SIOLOGISTS.**

3 Section 1848(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1395w-4(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (4)(A), by inserting “except as
6 provided in paragraph (5),” after “anesthesia
7 cases,”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(5) SPECIAL RULE FOR TEACHING ANES-
11 THESIOLOGISTS.—With respect to physicians’
12 services furnished on or after January 1, 2007,
13 in the case of teaching anesthesiologists in-
14 volved in the training of physician residents in
15 a single anesthesia case or two concurrent anes-
16 thesia cases, the fee schedule amount to be ap-
17 plied shall be 100 percent of the fee schedule
18 amount otherwise applicable under this section
19 if the anesthesia services were personally per-
20 formed by the teaching anesthesiologist alone
21 and paragraph (4) shall not apply if—

22 “(A) the teaching anesthesiologist is
23 present during all critical or key portions
24 of the anesthesia service or procedure in-
25 volved; and

1 “(B) the teaching anesthesiologist (or
2 another anesthesiologist with whom the
3 teaching anesthesiologist has entered into
4 an arrangement) is immediately available
5 to furnish anesthesia services during the
6 entire procedure.”.

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