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# S. 1338

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a two-year moratorium on certain Medicare physician payment reductions for imaging services.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 8, 2007

Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. CASEY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. BURR, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. HARKIN, and Mr. CARDIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Access to Medicare  
5       Imaging Act of 2007”.

1   **SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN MEDICARE**  
2                   **PHYSICIAN PAYMENT REDUCTIONS FOR IM-**  
3                   **AGING SERVICES.**

4       (a) MORATORIUM.—No payment adjustment shall be  
5    made under subsections (b)(4)(A) or (c)(2)(B)(v)(II) of  
6    section 1848 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7    1395w-4) during the 2-year period beginning on the date  
8    of the enactment of this Act.

9       (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON IMAGING SERVICES  
10    FURNISHED UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.—

11           (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the  
12    United States shall conduct a comprehensive study  
13    on imaging services furnished under the Medicare  
14    program.

15           (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the  
16    date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller Gen-  
17    eral shall submit to Congress and the Secretary of  
18    Health and Human Services a report on the findings  
19    and conclusions of the study conducted under para-  
20    graph (1) together with recommendations for such  
21    legislation and administrative actions as the Com-  
22    ptroller General considers appropriate.

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