

110TH CONGRESS
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S. 1420

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require staff working with developmentally disabled individuals to call emergency services in the event of a life-threatening situation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17, 2007

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Danielle’s Act”.

1 SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT OF STAFF WORKING WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY
2 DISABLED INDIVIDUALS TO CALL EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE EVENT
3 OF A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION.

5 (a) REQUIREMENT.—Section 1902(a) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (69), by striking “and” at the
8 end;

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (70) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

“(71) provide, in accordance with regulations of the Secretary, that direct care staff providing health-related services to an individual with a developmental disability or traumatic brain injury are required to call the 911 emergency telephone service or equivalent emergency management service for assistance in the event of a life-threatening emergency to such individual and to report such call to the appropriate State agency or department.”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) take effect on January 1, 2008.

