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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2007

Mr. HARKIN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 Equity and
5 Accessibility Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE GPCI FLOORS.**

7 (a) FLOOR OF 1.0 FOR PRACTICE EXPENSES.—Sec-
8 tion 1848(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1395w-4(e)(1)) is amended by inserting after subpara-
2 graph (E) the following new subparagraph:

3 “(F) FLOOR AT 1.0 FOR PRACTICE EX-
4 PENSE INDEX.—After calculating the practice
5 expense index in subparagraph (A)(ii), for pur-
6 poses of payment for services furnished on or
7 after January 1, 2008, the Secretary shall in-
8 crease the practice expense geographic index to
9 1.00 for any locality for which such practice ex-
10 pense geographic index is less than 1.00.”.

11 (b) EXTENSION OF FLOOR OF 1.0 FOR WORK EX-
12 PENSES.—Subparagraph (E) of such section is amended
13 by striking “and before January 1, 2008,”.

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