

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1125

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the quality of care in skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare Program through requiring the reporting of expenditures for nursing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Ms. KAPTUR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 “Long-Term Care Qual-
5 ity Improvement Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT IN QUALITY OF LONG-TERM CARE**
2 **IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES UNDER**
3 **MEDICARE.**

4 Section 1888 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1395yy) is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new subsection:

7 “(f) DETAILED REPORTING OF NURSING EXPENDI-
8 TURES.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For cost reports submitted
10 for cost reporting periods beginning on or after four
11 months after the date of the enactment of this sub-
12 section, skilled nursing facilities shall separately re-
13 port expenditures for wages and benefits for nursing
14 staff (by staff level, breaking out (at a minimum)
15 registered nurses, licensed professional nurses, and
16 certified nurse assistants).

17 “(2) MODIFICATION OF FORM.—The Secretary,
18 in consultation with private sector accountants expe-
19 rienced with Medicare and Medicaid nursing facility
20 home cost reports, shall redesign such reports to
21 meet the requirement of paragraph (1).”.

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