

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1501

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase inpatient hospital payments under the Medicare Program to Puerto Rico hospitals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2009

Mr. PIERLUISI (for himself, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mr. GUTIERREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Puerto Rico Medicare
5 Reimbursement Equity Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF MEDICARE INPATIENT HOS-**
2 **PITAL PAYMENT RATE FOR PUERTO RICO**
3 **HOSPITALS.**

4 Section 1886(d)(9)(E) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(9)(E)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (iii);

7 (2) in clause (iv), by inserting “and before April
8 1, 2009,” after “2004,” and by striking the period
9 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new
11 clause:

12 “(v) on or after April 1, 2009, the applicable
13 Puerto Rico percentage is 0 percent and the applica-
14 ble Federal percentage is 100 percent.”.

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