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# H. R. 2201

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 30, 2009

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. BARROW, Mr. TEAGUE, Mr. BOUCHER, and Mr. KIND) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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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 “Medicare Equity and  
5 Accessibility Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE GPCI FLOORS.**

2 (a) FLOOR OF 1.0 FOR PRACTICE EXPENSES.—Sec-  
3 tion 1848(e)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 1395w-4(e)(1)) is amended by inserting after subpara-  
5 graph (E) the following new subparagraph:

6 “(F) FLOOR AT 1.0 FOR PRACTICE EX-  
7 PENSE INDEX.—After calculating the practice  
8 expense index in subparagraph (A)(ii), for pur-  
9 poses of payment for services furnished on or  
10 after January 1, 2010, the Secretary shall in-  
11 crease the practice expense geographic index to  
12 1.00 for any locality for which such practice ex-  
13 pense geographic index is less than 1.00.”.

14 (b) EXTENSION OF FLOOR OF 1.0 FOR WORK EX-  
15 PENSES.—Subparagraph (E) of such section is amended  
16 by striking “and before January 1, 2010,”.

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