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H. R. 241

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 7, 2009

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT FOR TRICARE PROGRAM REIM-**
2 **BURSEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL PROVIDERS**
3 **OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO BE IDEN-**
4 **TICAL TO REIMBURSEMENT UNDER MEDI-**
5 **CARE.**

6 Section 1079(j)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
7 is amended by striking “determined to the extent prac-
8 ticable in accordance with the same reimbursement rules
9 as apply to payments to” and inserting “identical to the
10 amount of payments that would be paid to”.

11 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT FOR TRICARE PROGRAM TO CON-**
12 **TRACT WITH AT LEAST ONE TEACHING HOS-**
13 **PITAL IN URBAN AREAS FOR DELIVERY OF**
14 **HEALTH CARE.**

15 Section 1097(a) of title 10, United States Code, is
16 amended—

17 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “The Secretary of
18 Defense”;

19 (2) in the second sentence, by striking “The”
20 and inserting “Subject to paragraph (2), the”;

21 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (1), (2), (3),
22 and (4) as subparagraphs (A), (B), (C), and (D), re-
23 spectively; and

24 (4) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(2) In contracting for the delivery of health care
2 under this section, the Secretary shall contract with at
3 least one teaching hospital in each large urban area. In
4 this paragraph—

5 “(A) the term ‘teaching hospital’ means a hos-
6 pital which has a teaching program approved as
7 specified in section 1861(b)(6) of the Social Security
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(b)(6)); and

9 “(B) the term ‘large urban area’ has the mean-
10 ing given that term in the second sentence of section
11 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1395ww(d)(2)(D)).”.

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