

111TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2921

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an annual review by the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission on geographic access to services.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2009

Mr. BLUMENAUER 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

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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. MEDPAC ANNUAL REVIEW OF GEOGRAPHIC AC-**  
4 **CESS.**

5 Section 1805(b)(1) of the Social Security Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 1395b–6(b)(1)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-  
8 graph (C);

1           (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-  
2 paragraph (D); and

3           (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 paragraph:

5                   “(E) by not later than July 15 of each  
6 year (beginning with 2010), submit a report to  
7 Congress containing an evaluation, by Medicare  
8 administrative contractor area, of access to  
9 care, quality of care, increases or decreases in  
10 volume of services among such areas and the  
11 potential effects of the Commission’s most re-  
12 cent policy recommendations under subpara-  
13 graphs (B) through (D) on access to care in  
14 such areas.”.

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