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H. R. 3185

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payment to hospitals for costs of expanded advanced practice nurse training programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS 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. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR COSTS OF EX-**
4 **PANDED ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE**
5 **TRAINING PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(v) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
9 following new subparagraph:

1 “(V) Such reasonable costs shall include hospital
2 costs described in paragraph (9) for expanded advanced
3 nurse practice training programs.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new
5 paragraph:

6 “(9)(A) For purposes of paragraph (1)(V), subject to
7 subparagraphs (B) and (C), the costs described in this
8 paragraph are educational costs (including faculty sala-
9 ries, student stipends (if any), clinical instruction costs,
10 and other direct and indirect costs) of a hospital and affili-
11 ated schools and settings described in clause (ii)) attrib-
12 utable to the training of advanced practice nurses—

13 “(i) with the skills necessary to provide primary
14 and preventive care, transitional care, chronic care
15 management, and other nursing services appropriate
16 for the population under this title; and

17 “(ii) through affiliation with one or more ac-
18 credited schools of nursing (as defined in section
19 801 of the Public Health Service Act) and in part-
20 nership with two or more non-hospital community-
21 based care settings where at least half of all clinical
22 training occurs.

23 The Secretary may waive the community-based setting re-
24 quirement under clause (ii) for clinical training of ad-
25 vanced practice registered nurses, such as certified reg-

1 istered nurse anesthetists and certified nurse-midwives, in
2 rural and medically underserved areas.

3 “(B) Costs under this paragraph are limited to costs
4 attributable to an increase in the enrollment and the num-
5 ber of advanced practice nurse graduates in each edu-
6 cation or training program over the comparable average
7 number from 2006 to 2010 (as determined by the Sec-
8 retary) but shall not be offset or take into account tuition,
9 fees, or State or local government appropriations. The pro-
10 portion of such costs paid under this paragraph shall be
11 determined based on the proportion of the total inpatient
12 days of the hospital attributable to this title.

13 “(C) No payment shall be made under this paragraph
14 to a hospital unless the hospital has in effect an agreement
15 with the schools of nursing and settings described in sub-
16 paragraph (A)(ii) to pay from such payment to such a
17 school or setting (through the school when the setting is
18 arranged through the school) the costs of educational ac-
19 tivities described in subparagraph (A) attributable to each.

20 “(D) In this paragraph, the term ‘advanced practice
21 nurse’ includes a clinical nurse specialist, nurse practi-
22 tioner, certified registered nurse anesthetist, and certified
23 nurse midwife.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply to costs incurred on or after
3 January 1, 2012.

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