

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1066

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2009

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 Ambulance
5 Access Preservation Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT RETENTION OF ACCESS TO GROUND**
2 **AMBULANCE SERVICES IN RURAL AND**
3 **URBAN AREAS UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 Section 1834(l)(13) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(13)) is amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by striking “TEMPORARY”;
8 and

9 (2) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
11 striking “and before January 1, 2010”;

12 (B) in clause (i), by inserting “, or 6 per-
13 cent if such service is furnished on or after
14 January 1, 2010” after “2010”; and

15 (C) in clause (ii), by inserting “, or 6 per-
16 cent if such service is furnished on or after
17 January 1, 2010” after “2010”; and

18 (3) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the end
19 the following new sentence: “The preceding sentence
20 shall not apply to payments for services furnished on
21 or after January 1, 2010.”

1 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT RETENTION OF ACCESS TO AMBU-**
2 **LANCE SERVICES IN SUPER RURAL AREAS**
3 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1834(l)(12)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(12)(A)) is amended by striking “and be-
6 fore January 1, 2010,”.

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