

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2249

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 4, 1995

Mr. SHAW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Managed
3 Health Care Sunshine Act of 1995”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING HMO ENROLLEES WITH CERTAIN IN-**
5 **FORMATION ON PLANS.**

6 Section 1876(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395mm(c)) is amended by adding at the end the follow-
8 ing:

9 “(9)(A) Upon the request of a member enrolled with
10 the organization under this section, or an individual con-
11 sidering enrollment with the organization under this sec-
12 tion, the organization shall provide the enrollee or individ-
13 ual with the following:

14 “(i) Descriptive information regarding the cre-
15 dentials of each physician who is authorized by the
16 organization to provide services by or through the
17 organization to enrollees under this section, includ-
18 ing the medical education and training received by
19 the physician, the physician’s history of medical
20 practice (whether domestic or foreign), and the posi-
21 tions held by the physician at the time of the re-
22 quest.

23 “(ii) An audited financial statement of the or-
24 ganization for the most recently concluded fiscal
25 year that complies with generally accepted account-
26 ing principles and includes a balance sheet, income

1 statement, and statement of changes in financial po-
2 sition.

3 “(iii) A statement identifying the salaries, bo-
4 nuses, and other remuneration paid to the 5 highest-
5 paid officers or executives of the organization, as
6 well as the other benefits provided to such officers
7 or executives.

8 “(B) The organization shall include in any brochure,
9 application form, or other promotional or informational
10 material that is distributed by the organization to (or for
11 the use of) individuals eligible to enroll with the organiza-
12 tion under this section a statement that the information
13 described in subparagraph (A) is available from the orga-
14 nization upon request.”.

15 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

16 The amendment made by this Act shall apply with
17 respect to contract years beginning on or after the date
18 that is 6 months after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act.

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