

105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2153

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under part B of the Medicare program of paramedic intercept services provided in support of public, volunteer, or non-profit providers of ambulance services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 11, 1997

Ms. DELAURO (for herself and Ms. SLAUGHTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Community Ambulance
5 Support Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CERTAIN PARAMEDIC**
2 **INTERCEPT SERVICES.**

3 (a) **COVERAGE.**—

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1861(s)(7) of the
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(7)) is
6 amended by striking “regulations;” and inserting
7 “regulations, including paramedic intercept services
8 (as described in subsection (oo));”.

9 (2) **SERVICES DESCRIBED.**—Section 1861 of
10 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended by adding
11 at the end the following new subsection:

12 “Paramedic Intercept Services
13 “(oo)(1) The term ‘paramedic intercept services’
14 means ambulance services consisting of advanced life sup-
15 port services provided by a qualified provider of ambulance
16 services under this title in support of an entity that is a
17 qualified public, volunteer, or non-profit provider of ambu-
18 lance services (as defined in paragraph (2)).

19 “(2) In paragraph (1), the term ‘qualified public, vol-
20 unteer, or non-profit provider of ambulance services’
21 means a public, volunteer, or non-profit provider of ambu-
22 lance services that is licensed, certified, or approved by
23 a State to provide such services (including basic life sup-
24 port services and transportation services) with or without
25 charge to individuals receiving such services.”.

1 (3) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—
2 Section 1833(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
3 13951(a)(1)) is amended—

4 (A) by striking “and (P)” and inserting
5 “(P)”; and

6 (B) by striking the semicolon at the end
7 and inserting the following: “, and (Q) with re-
8 spect to expenses for paramedic intercept serv-
9 ices (as defined in section 1861(oo)), the
10 amounts paid may not exceed any applicable
11 limits established on payments for such services
12 by the State in which the services are pro-
13 vided;”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply to paramedic intercept services
16 provided on or after January 1, 1998.

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