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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to carve out from payments to Medicare+Choice organizations amounts attributable to disproportionate share hospital payments and pay such amounts directly to those disproportionate share hospitals in which their enrollees receive care.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. STARK, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, and Mr. BECERRA) 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. CARVING OUT DSH PAYMENTS FROM PAY-**
 2 **MENTS TO MEDICARE+CHOICE ORGANIZA-**
 3 **TIONS AND PAYING THE AMOUNTS DIRECTLY**
 4 **TO DSH HOSPITALS ENROLLING**
 5 **MEDICARE+CHOICE ENROLLEES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1853(c)(3) of the Social
 7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–23(c)(3)), as inserted by
 8 section 4001 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, is
 9 amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “subpara-

11 graph (B)” and inserting “subparagraphs (B) and

12 (D)”,

13 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-

14 paragraph (E), and

15 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-

16 lowing new subparagraph:

17 “(D) REMOVAL OF PAYMENTS ATTRIB-

18 UTABLE TO DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE PAY-

19 MENTS FROM CALCULATION OF ADJUSTED AV-

20 ERAGE PER CAPITA COST.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In determining

22 the area-specific Medicare+Choice capita-

23 tion rate under subparagraph (A) for a

24 year (beginning with 1999), the annual per

25 capita rate of payment for 1997 deter-

26 mined under section 1876(a)(1)(C) shall be

1 adjusted, subject to clause (ii) to exclude
2 from the rate the additional payments that
3 the Secretary estimates were payment dur-
4 ing 1997 for additional payments described
5 in section 1886(d)(5)(F).

6 “(ii) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS COV-
7 ERED UNDER STATE HOSPITAL REIM-
8 BURSEMENT SYSTEM.—To the extent that
9 the Secretary estimates that an annual per
10 capita rate of payment for 1997 described
11 in clause (i) reflects payments to hospitals
12 reimbursed under section 1814(b)(3), the
13 Secretary shall estimate a payment adjust-
14 ment that is comparable to the payment
15 adjustment that would have been made
16 under clause (i) if the hospitals had not
17 been reimbursed under such section.”.

18 (b) ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS FOR MANAGED CARE
19 ENROLLEES.—Section 1886(d)(5)(F) of such Act ((42
20 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(F)) is amended—

21 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “clause (ix)” and
22 inserting “clauses (ix) and (x)”, and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(ix)(I) For portions of cost reporting periods occur-
25 ring on or after January 1, 1999, the Secretary shall pro-

1 vide for an additional payment amount for each applicable
2 discharge of any subsection (d) hospital that is a dis-
3 proportionate share hospital (as described in clause (i)).

4 “(II) For purposes of this clause, the term ‘applicable
5 discharge’ means the discharge of any individual who is
6 enrolled under a risk-sharing contract with an eligible or-
7 ganization under section 1876 and who is entitled to bene-
8 fits under part A or any individual who is enrolled with
9 a Medicare+Choice organization under part C.

10 “(III) The amount of the payment under this clause
11 with respect to any applicable discharge shall be equal to
12 the estimated average per discharge amount that would
13 otherwise have been paid under this subparagraph if the
14 individuals had not been enrolled as described in subclause
15 (II).

16 “(IV) The Secretary shall establish rules for an addi-
17 tional payment amount, for any hospital reimbursed under
18 a reimbursement system authorized under section
19 1814(b)(3) if such hospital would qualify as a dispropor-
20 tionate share hospital under clause (i) were it not so reim-
21 bursed. Such payment shall be determined in the same
22 manner as the amount of payment is determined under
23 this clause for disproportionate share hospitals.”.

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