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## AN ACT

To repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and  
Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes.

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. REPEAL OF FEDERAL CHARTER OF GROUP**  
2 **HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES,**  
3 **INC.**

4 (a) REPEAL OF FEDERAL CHARTER.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Act entitled “An Act  
6 providing for the incorporation of certain persons as  
7 Group Hospitalization, Inc.”, approved August 11,  
8 1939 (53 Stat. 1412), is repealed.

9 (2) AUTHORIZATION TO FILE ARTICLES OF IN-  
10 CORPORATION.—Group Hospitalization and Medical  
11 Services, Inc. is hereby authorized to file articles of  
12 incorporation under the District of Columbia Non-  
13 profit Corporation Act.

14 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
15 by paragraph (1) shall take effect upon the filing  
16 and effectiveness of articles of incorporation of  
17 Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc.  
18 under the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corpora-  
19 tion Act.

20 (b) EFFECTS OF BECOMING A DISTRICT OF COLUM-  
21 BIA NONPROFIT CORPORATION.—Effective upon the filing  
22 and effectiveness of articles of incorporation of Group  
23 Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc. as authorized  
24 in paragraph (2) of subsection (a), Group Hospitalization  
25 and Medical Services, Inc.—

1           (1) shall be a District of Columbia nonprofit  
2 corporation subject to the articles of incorporation;

3           (2) shall be deemed organized and existing  
4 under the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corpora-  
5 tion Act, notwithstanding any of the provisions of  
6 section 4 of the District of Columbia Nonprofit Cor-  
7 poration Act regarding organizations subject to any  
8 of the provisions of the insurance laws of the Dis-  
9 trict of Columbia;

10          (3) shall be legally domiciled in the District of  
11 Columbia;

12          (4) shall be regulated by the Superintendent of  
13 Insurance of the District of Columbia in accordance  
14 with the laws and regulations of the District of Co-  
15 lumbia;

16          (5) shall continue to exist; and

17          (6) shall continue to be authorized to transact  
18 business—

19               (A) under existing certificates of authority  
20 and licenses issued to Group Hospitalization  
21 and Medical Services, Inc. before such filing  
22 and effectiveness,

23               (B) under the name “Group Hospitaliza-  
24 tion and Medical Services, Inc.”, and

25               (C) under applicable laws and regulations.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW PERIOD.**

2       Notwithstanding section 602(c)(1) of the District of  
3 Columbia Self-Government and Governmental Reorganiza-  
4 tion Act (sec. 1-233(c)(1), D.C. Code), the Hospital and  
5 Medical Services Corporation Regulatory Act of 1996  
6 (D.C. Act 11-505) shall take effect on the date of the  
7 enactment of such Act or the date of the enactment of  
8 this Act, whichever is later.

      Passed the House of Representatives February 26,  
1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

*Clerk.*