

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1643

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay for one year implementation of the per beneficiary limits under the interim payment system to home health agencies, and to provide for a later base year for the purposes of calculating new payment rates under the system.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 1998

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KERRY, and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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. DELAY OF PER BENEFICIARY LIMITS UNDER**  
4 **INTERIM PAYMENT SYSTEM AND CHANGE OF**  
5 **BASE YEAR.**

6 (a) DELAY IN PER BENEFICIARY LIMITS UNDER IN-  
7 TERIM PAYMENT SYSTEM.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(v)(1)(L) of the  
2           Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)), as  
3           amended by section 4602 of the Balanced Budget  
4           Act of 1997, is amended in clauses (v) and (vi) by  
5           striking “October 1, 1997,” each place it appears  
6           and inserting “October 1, 1998,”.

7           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
8           1861(v)(1)(L)(vii) of the Social Security Act (42  
9           U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)(vii)), as added by section  
10          4602(e) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, is  
11          amended—

12                   (A) by striking “April 1, 1998,” and in-  
13                   serting “August 1, 1998,”; and

14                   (B) by striking “fiscal year 1998” and in-  
15                   serting “fiscal year 1999”.

16          (b) CHANGE IN BASE YEAR.—Section  
17          1861(v)(1)(L)(v)(I) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
18          1395x(v)(1)(L)(v)(I)) is amended by striking “ending dur-  
19          ing fiscal year 1994” each place it appears and inserting  
20          “ending during fiscal year 1995 or, at the election of the  
21          agency, calendar year 1995”.

22          (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
23          subsections (a) and (b) shall apply as if included in the  
24          enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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