

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4952

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 25, 2000

Mr. HINCHEY 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 2000”.

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 (uu));”.

9 (2) **SERVICES DESCRIBED.**—Section 1861 of
10 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amend-
11 ed by adding at the end the following new sub-
12 section:

13 “Paramedic Intercept Services

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

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

1 (3) LIMITATION ON AMOUNT OF PAYMENT.—
2 Section 1833(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
3 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is amended—

4 (A) by striking “and” before “(S)”; and

5 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
6 the end the following: “, and (T) with respect
7 to expenses for paramedic intercept services (as
8 defined in section 1861(uu)), the amounts paid
9 may not exceed any applicable limits established
10 on payments for such services by the State in
11 which the services are provided”.

12 (4) CONFORMING REPEAL.—Section 4531 of
13 the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1395x
14 note), as amended by section 412(a) of the Medi-
15 care, Medicaid, and SCHIP Balanced Budget Re-
16 finement Act of 1999 (113 Stat. 1501A–377), as en-
17 acted into law by section 1000(a)(6) of Public Law
18 106–113, is amended by striking subsection (c).

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 subsection (a) shall apply to paramedic intercept services
21 provided on or after January 1, 2001.

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