

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1449

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the payment amount for renal dialysis services furnished under the medicare program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 28, 1999

Mr. CONRAD (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. ROBB, Mr. INOUE, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. DEWINE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Renal Dialy-  
5 sis Fair Payment Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. UPDATE IN PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR RENAL DIALY-**  
2 **SIS SERVICES FURNISHED UNDER THE MEDI-**  
3 **CARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1881(b)(7) of the Social  
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395rr(b)(7)) is amended by add-  
6 ing at the end the following new flush sentence:  
7 “The amount of each composite rate payment for dialysis  
8 services furnished on or after January 1, 2000, shall be  
9 equal to 102.9 percent of each such composite rate pay-  
10 ment amount for such services furnished on December 31,  
11 1999.”.

12 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENT.**—

13 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 9335(a) of the Om-  
14 nibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395rr note) is amended by striking paragraph (1).

16 (2) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made  
17 by paragraph (1) shall take effect on January 1,  
18 2000.

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