

107<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 3715

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2002

Mrs. KELLY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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

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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 Paramedic  
5 Intercept Service Equity Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF COVERAGE OF MEDICARE PARA-**  
2 **MEDIC INTERCEPT SERVICES.**

3 (a) **EXPANSION OF PAYMENT AREAS.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 4531(c) of the Bal-  
5 anced Budget Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(7)  
6 note, 111 Stat. 452) is amended in the matter pre-  
7 ceding paragraph (1) by striking “in a rural area”.

8 (2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—**The heading of  
9 such section is amended by striking “IN RURAL  
10 COMMUNITIES”.

11 (b) **PAYMENTS NOT COUNTED IN COMPUTING AMBU-**  
12 **LANCE FEE SCHEDULE.—**Payments attributable to the  
13 amendment made by subsection (a)(1) shall not be taken  
14 into account in determining an aggregate amount of pay-  
15 ments under section 1834(l)(3)(A) of the Social Security  
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(3)(A)).

17 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.—**The amendments made by  
18 this section apply with respect to services furnished on or  
19 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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