

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1635

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a complete transition period for the reduction of Medicare beneficiary copayment for hospital outpatient department services furnished under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2003

Mr. STARK (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. KLECZKA, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, and Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts) 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

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 Outpatient
5 Copayment Reduction Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF BUY-DOWN OF COPAYMENT ON HOS-**
2 **PITAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES.**

3 Section 1833(t)(8)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(8)(C)(ii)) is amended by striking sub-
5 clause (V) and inserting the following:

6 “(V) For procedures performed
7 in 2006, 40 percent.

8 “(VI) For procedures performed
9 in 2007, 35 percent.

10 “(VII) For procedures performed
11 in 2008, 30 percent.

12 “(VIII) For procedures per-
13 formed in 2009, 25 percent.

14 “(IX) For procedures performed
15 in 2010 and thereafter, 20 percent.”.

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