

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 2659

To extend the temporary increase in payments under the medicare program  
for home health services furnished in a rural area.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 15, 2004

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. BOND, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CONRAD, and Mr. BURNS) 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 Rural Home  
5 Health Services Improvement Act of 2004”.

1 **SEC. 2. TWO-YEAR EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MEDICARE**  
2 **PAYMENT INCREASE FOR HOME HEALTH**  
3 **SERVICES FURNISHED IN A RURAL AREA.**

4 Section 421 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Im-  
5 provement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (42 U.S.C.  
6 1395fff note) is amended—

7 (1) in the section heading, by striking “**ONE-**  
8 **YEAR**” and inserting “**TEMPORARY**”; and

9 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “2005” and  
10 inserting “2007”.

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