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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend modifications to DSH allotments provided under the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 18, 2003

Mr. CHAFEE (for himself, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WARNER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SMITH, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. BUNNING, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. KERRY, and Mrs. HUTCHISON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Access to Hospitals
5 Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF MEDICAID DSH ALLOTMENT AD-**
 2 **JUSTMENTS UNDER BIPA 2000.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1923(f) of the Social Se-
 4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f))—

5 (1) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) in the heading, by striking “THROUGH
 7 2002” and inserting “THROUGH 2000”;

8 (B) by striking “ending with fiscal year
 9 2002” and inserting “ending with fiscal year
 10 2000”; and

11 (C) in the table in such paragraph, by
 12 striking the columns labeled “FY 01” and
 13 “FY02”;

14 (2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “paragraph
 15 (2)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”; and

16 (3) in paragraph (4), as added by section
 17 701(a)(1) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP
 18 Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000
 19 (as enacted into law by section 1(a)(6) of Public
 20 Law 106-554)—

21 (A) by striking “FOR FISCAL YEARS 2001
 22 AND 2002” in the heading;

23 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking “Not-
 24 withstanding paragraph (2), the” and inserting
 25 “The”;

26 (C) in subparagraph (C)—

- 1 (i) by striking “NO APPLICATION”
2 and inserting “APPLICATION”; and
3 (ii) by striking “without regard to”
4 and inserting “taking into account”.

5 (b) INCREASE IN MEDICAID DSH ALLOTMENT FOR
6 THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Effective for DSH allot-
8 ments beginning with fiscal year 2003, the item in
9 the table contained in section 1923(f)(2) of the So-
10 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f)(2)) for the
11 District of Columbia for the DSH allotment for FY
12 00 (fiscal year 2000) is amended by striking “32”
13 and inserting “49”.

14 (2) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in paragraph (1)
15 shall be construed as preventing the application of
16 section 1923(f)(4) of the Social Security Act (as
17 amended by subsection (a)) to the District of Colum-
18 bia for fiscal year 2003 and subsequent fiscal years.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 this section shall apply to DSH allotments for fiscal years
21 beginning with fiscal year 2003.

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