

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5942

To require Congressional approval for implementation of a severity-adjusted inpatient prospective payment system for rural hospitals under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 27, 2006

Mr. MARSHALL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. REQUIRING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR**
4 **IMPLEMENTATION OF A SEVERITY-ADJUSTED**
5 **INPATIENT PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM**
6 **FOR RURAL HOSPITALS UNDER THE MEDI-**
7 **CARE PROGRAM.**

8 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
9 retary of Health and Human Services may not implement

1 a severity-adjusted inpatient prospective payment system
2 under section 1886(d) of the Social Security Act (42
3 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)), including that contained in the pro-
4 posed rule published in the Federal Register on April 25,
5 2006 (71 Federal Register 23995), for hospitals located
6 in rural areas (as defined for purposes of such section)
7 without the explicit approval of Congress.

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