

110TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4778

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2007

Mr. GONZALEZ 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 Wound Ther-  
5 apy Patient Protection Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF NEGATIVE PRESSURE WOUND**  
2 **THERAPY PUMPS AND RELATED SUPPLIES**  
3 **AND ACCESSORIES FROM THE MEDICARE**  
4 **COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION PROGRAM UNTIL**  
5 **THE CLINICAL COMPARABILITY OF SUCH**  
6 **PRODUCTS CAN BE VALIDATED.**

7 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1847(a)(2)(A) of the So-  
8 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–3(a)(2)(A)) is amend-  
9 ed by inserting before the period at the end the following:  
10 “and excluding negative pressure wound therapy pumps  
11 and related supplies and accessories until such time as the  
12 Secretary can validate, using a panel of wound care clin-  
13 ical experts, the clinical comparability of all products in-  
14 cluded in the category of such products”.

15 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
16 subsection (a) shall take effect on March 31, 2008.

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