

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1420

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require staff working with developmentally disabled individuals to call emergency services in the event of a life-threatening situation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17, 2007

Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. LAUTENBERG) 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 “Danielle’s Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT OF STAFF WORKING WITH DEVEL-**
2 **OPMENTALLY DISABLED INDIVIDUALS TO**
3 **CALL EMERGENCY SERVICES IN THE EVENT**
4 **OF A LIFE-THREATENING SITUATION.**

5 (a) **REQUIREMENT.**—Section 1902(a) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (69), by striking “and” at the
8 end;

9 (2) in paragraph (70), by striking the period at
10 the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (70) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(71) provide, in accordance with regulations of
14 the Secretary, that direct care staff providing
15 health-related services to an individual with a devel-
16 opmental disability or traumatic brain injury are re-
17 quired to call the 911 emergency telephone service
18 or equivalent emergency management service for as-
19 sistance in the event of a life-threatening emergency
20 to such individual and to report such call to the ap-
21 propriate State agency or department.”.

22 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) take effect on January 1, 2008.

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