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H. R. 4689

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LAMBERT introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. BONUS PAYMENT FOR PHYSICIAN SERVICES**
2 **PROVIDED IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL**
3 **SHORTAGE AREAS.**

4 (a) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF PAYMENT FOR PRI-
5 MARY CARE SERVICES.—Section 1833(m) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(m)) is amended by insert-
7 ing after “10 percent” the following: “(or, in the case of
8 primary care services defined in section 1842(i)(4), 20
9 percent)”.

10 (b) EXTENSION TO CERTAIN NONPHYSICIAN PRO-
11 VIDERS AND OTHER MEDICARE-DEPENDENT PROVID-
12 ERS.—Section 1833(m) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(m))
13 is amended—

14 (1) by striking “(m)” and inserting “(m)(1)”;

15 (2) by inserting “described in paragraph (2)”
16 after “physicians’ services”;

17 (3) by striking “in an area” and all that follows
18 through “shortage area.”;

19 (4) by striking “the physician” and inserting
20 “the provider of the service”; and

21 (5) by adding at the end the following new
22 paragraph:

23 “(2) In paragraph (1), physicians’ services described
24 in this paragraph are services—

1 “(A) furnished in an area designated (under
2 section 332(a)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service
3 Act) as a health professional shortage area; or

4 “(B) furnished during a year by a provider with
5 respect to whom not less than 75 percent of the pa-
6 tients for whom the provider furnishes such services
7 during the year are individuals—

8 “(i) who are entitled to benefits under this
9 title;

10 “(ii) who are eligible for medical assistance
11 under a State plan approved under title XIX;
12 or

13 “(iii) with respect to whom the provider
14 did not receive any payment for the service.”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to services furnished
17 on or after January 1, 1995.

18 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF UPDATE TO CONVERSION FAC-**
19 **TOR FOR SERVICES FURNISHED IN 1995.**

20 Section 1848(d)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
21 U.S.C. 1395w-4(d)(3)(A)) is amended—

22 (1) by amending clause (v) to read as follows:

23 “(v) ESTABLISHMENT OF PERCENT-
24 AGE INCREASE FOR 1995.—In applying
25 clause (i) for services furnished in 1995,

1 the percentage increase in the appropriate
2 update index shall be equal to—

3 “(I) 10.7 percentage points for
4 services included in the category of
5 surgical services (as defined for pur-
6 poses of subsection (j)(1)),

7 “(II) 10.1 percentage points for
8 services included in the category of
9 primary care services (as defined for
10 purposes of subsection (j)(1)), and

11 “(III) 7.4 percentage points for
12 any services not described in
13 subclause (I) or subclause (II).”; and

14 (2) in clause (vi), by striking “Clauses (iv) and
15 (v)” and inserting “Clause (iv)”.

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