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H. R. 5105

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to impose nondiscrimination requirements on hospitals and skilled nursing facilities as a condition of participation in the medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 26, 1994

Mrs. MEEK of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

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. NONDISCRIMINATION AS REQUIREMENT FOR**
4 **PARTICIPATION OF HOSPITALS AND SKILLED**
5 **NURSING FACILITIES IN MEDICARE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1866(a)(1) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
2 graph (P);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
4 paragraph (Q) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (Q) the fol-
6 lowing new subparagraph:

7 “(R) in the case of a hospital, rural primary
8 care hospital, or skilled nursing facility, not to en-
9 gage in any conduct (either directly or through con-
10 tractual arrangements) which would have the effect
11 of discriminating against an individual on the basis
12 of race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual ori-
13 entation, language, age, citizenship, or anticipated
14 need for health services.”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
16 subsection (a) shall apply to agreements entered into
17 under section 1866(a) of the Social Security Act for years
18 beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act.

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