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# H. R. 5252

To amend the Social Security Act and related Acts to make miscellaneous and technical amendments, and for other purposes.

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Mr. STARK introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Education and Labor

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Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce discharged, considered, and passed

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## A BILL

To amend the Social Security Act and related Acts to make miscellaneous and technical amendments, and for other purposes.

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 “Social Security Act  
5 Amendments of 1994”.

6 **SEC. 2. REFERENCES IN ACT; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

7 (a) AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—Ex-  
8 cept as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in this

1 Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment  
 2 to or repeal of a section or other provision, the reference  
 3 shall be considered to be made to that section or other  
 4 provision of the Social Security Act.

5 (b) REFERENCES TO OBRA.—In this Act, the terms  
 6 “OBRA–1986”, “OBRA–1987”, “OBRA–1989”,  
 7 “OBRA–1990”, and “OBRA–1993” refer to the Omnibus  
 8 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1986 (Public Law 99–509),  
 9 the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (Public  
 10 Law 100–203), the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act  
 11 of 1989 (Public Law 101–239), the Omnibus Budget Rec-  
 12 onciliation Act of 1990 (Public Law 101–508), and the  
 13 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law  
 14 103–66), respectively.

15 (c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents is  
 16 as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
- Sec. 2. References in Act; table of contents.

#### TITLE I—MEDICARE PROVISIONS

##### Subtitle A—Provisions Relating to Part A

- Sec. 101. Provisions relating to adjustments to standardized amounts for wages and wage-related costs.
- Sec. 102. Essential access community hospital (EACH) amendments.
- Sec. 103. Provisions relating to rural health transition grant program.
- Sec. 104. Psychology services in hospitals.
- Sec. 105. Medicare-dependent, small rural hospitals and sole community hospitals.
- Sec. 106. Skilled nursing facilities.
- Sec. 107. Notification of availability of hospice benefit.
- Sec. 108. Clarifying expertise of individuals to serve on the Prospective Payment Assessment Commission.
- Sec. 109. Authority for budget neutral adjustments for changes in payment amounts for transfer cases.

Sec. 110. Clarification of DRG payment window expansion; miscellaneous and technical corrections.

Subtitle B—Provisions Relating to Part B

PART I—PHYSICIANS' SERVICES

- Sec. 121. Development and implementation of resource-based methodology for practice expenses.  
 Sec. 122. Geographic cost of practice index refinements.  
 Sec. 123. Extra-billing limits.  
 Sec. 124. Relative values for pediatric services.  
 Sec. 125. Administration of claims relating to physicians' services.  
 Sec. 126. Miscellaneous and technical corrections.

PART II—DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

- Sec. 131. Certification of suppliers.  
 Sec. 132. Restrictions on certain marketing and sales activities.  
 Sec. 133. Beneficiary liability for noncovered services.  
 Sec. 134. Adjustments for inherent reasonableness.  
 Sec. 135. Miscellaneous and technical corrections.

PART III—OTHER ITEMS AND SERVICES

- Sec. 141. Ambulatory surgical center services.  
 Sec. 142. Study of medicare coverage of patient care costs associated with clinical trials of new cancer therapies.  
 Sec. 143. Study of annual cap on amount of medicare payment for outpatient physical therapy and occupational therapy services.  
 Sec. 144. Payment of part B premium late enrollment penalties by States.  
 Sec. 145. Application of mammography certification requirements.  
 Sec. 146. Coverage of services of speech-language pathologists and audiologists.  
 Sec. 147. Miscellaneous and technical corrections.

Subtitle C—Provisions Relating to Parts A and B

- Sec. 151. Medicare secondary payer reforms.  
 Sec. 152. Physician ownership and referral.  
 Sec. 153. Definition of FMGEMS examination for payment of direct graduate medical education.  
 Sec. 154. Qualified medicare beneficiary outreach.  
 Sec. 155. Hospital agreements with organ procurement organizations.  
 Sec. 156. Peer review organizations.  
 Sec. 157. Health maintenance organizations.  
 Sec. 158. Home health agencies.  
 Sec. 159. Permanent extension of authority to contract with fiscal intermediaries and carriers on other than a cost basis.  
 Sec. 160. Miscellaneous and technical corrections.

Subtitle D—Provisions Relating to Medicare Supplemental Insurance Policies

- Sec. 171. Standards for medicare supplemental insurance policies.  
 Sec. 172. 6-month extension of period for issuance of medicare select policies.

TITLE II—MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK  
 GRANT PROGRAM

#### Subtitle A—Child Welfare, Foster Care, Adoption

- Sec. 201. Increase in authorization of appropriations for the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program.
- Sec. 202. Required protections for foster children.
- Sec. 203. Conformity reviews.
- Sec. 204. States required to report on measures taken to comply with the Indian Child Welfare Act.
- Sec. 205. Child welfare traineeships.
- Sec. 206. Dispositional hearing.
- Sec. 207. Elimination of foster care ceilings and of authority to transfer unused foster care funds to child welfare services programs.
- Sec. 208. Demonstration projects.
- Sec. 209. Placement accountability.
- Sec. 210. Payments of State claims for foster care and adoption assistance.
- Sec. 211. Effect of failure to carry out State plan.

#### Subtitle B—Child Support Enforcement

- Sec. 212. Reports to credit bureaus on persons delinquent in child support payments.
- Sec. 213. Technical amendments to provision on State paternity establishment programs.
- Sec. 214. Agreement to assist in locating missing children under the parent locator service.

#### Subtitle C—Supplemental Security Income

- Sec. 221. Definition of disability for children under age 18 applied to all individuals under age 18.

#### Subtitle D—Aid to Families With Dependent Children

- Sec. 231. Simplification of income and eligibility verification system.
- Sec. 232. Measurement and reporting of welfare receipt.
- Sec. 233. New Hope demonstration project.
- Sec. 234. Delay in requirement that outlying areas operate an AFDC-up program.
- Sec. 235. State option to use retrospective budgeting without monthly reporting.

#### Subtitle E—JOBS Program

- Sec. 241. Expansion of coverage for Indian tribes.
- Sec. 242. Report to the Congress with respect to performance standards in the JOBS program.

#### Subtitle F—Other Provisions

- Sec. 261. Extension of demonstration to expand job opportunities.
- Sec. 262. Early childhood development projects.
- Sec. 263. Reallocation of funds under title XX for empowerment and enterprise grants.
- Sec. 264. Corrections related to the income security and human resources provisions of OBRA-1990.
- Sec. 265. Technical corrections related to the human resource and income security provisions of OBRA-1989.

Sec. 266. Technical correction related to the human resource and income security provisions of OBRA-1993.

Sec. 267. Elimination of obsolete provisions relating to treatment of the earned income tax credit.

Sec. 268. Redesignation of certain provisions.

1 **TITLE I—MEDICARE PROVISIONS**  
2 **Subtitle A—Provisions Relating to**  
3 **Part A**

4 **SEC. 101. PROVISIONS RELATING TO ADJUSTMENTS TO**  
5 **STANDARDIZED AMOUNTS FOR WAGES AND**  
6 **WAGE-RELATED COSTS.**

7 (a) USE OF OCCUPATIONAL MIX IN GUIDELINES FOR  
8 DETERMINATION OF AREA WAGE INDEX.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(d)(10)(D)(i)(I)  
10 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(10)(D)(i)(I)) is amended by  
11 inserting “(to the extent the Secretary determines  
12 appropriate)” after “taking into account”.

13 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
14 by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in  
15 the enactment of OBRA-1989.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO GEO-  
17 GRAPHIC AREA USED TO DETERMINE WAGE INDEX AP-  
18 PPLICABLE TO HOSPITAL.—(1) Section 1886(d)(8)(C) (42  
19 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(8)(C)), as amended by section  
20 13501(b)(1) of OBRA-1993, is amended—

21 (A) in clause (iv), by striking “paragraph (1)”  
22 and inserting “paragraph (10)”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
2 clause:

3 “(v) This subparagraph shall apply with respect to  
4 discharges occurring in a fiscal year only if the Secretary  
5 uses a method for making adjustments to the DRG pro-  
6 spective payment rate for area differences in hospital wage  
7 levels under paragraph (3)(E) for the fiscal year that is  
8 based on the use of Metropolitan Statistical Area classi-  
9 fications.”.

10 (2) Section 1886(d)(10) (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(10))  
11 is amended—

12 (A) in subparagraph (C)(i)(II), by striking “the  
13 area wage index applicable” and inserting “the fac-  
14 tor used to adjust the DRG prospective payment  
15 rate for area differences in hospital wage levels that  
16 applies”; and

17 (B) in subparagraph (D)—

18 (i) by redesignating clause (ii) as clause  
19 (iii), and

20 (ii) by inserting after clause (i) the follow-  
21 ing new clause:

22 “(ii) Notwithstanding clause (i), if the Secretary uses  
23 a method for making adjustments to the DRG prospective  
24 payment rate for area differences in hospital wage levels  
25 under paragraph (3)(E) that is not based on the use of

1 Metropolitan Statistical Area classifications, the Secretary  
 2 may revise the guidelines published under clause (i) to the  
 3 extent such guidelines are used to determine the appro-  
 4 priateness of the geographic area in which the hospital is  
 5 determined to be located for purposes of making such ad-  
 6 justments.”.

7 (c) ADJUSTMENT OF LABOR AND NON-LABOR POR-  
 8 TIONS OF STANDARDIZED AMOUNTS.—Section  
 9 1886(d)(3)(A)(iii) (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(A)(iii)) is  
 10 amended by adding at the end the following: “For dis-  
 11 charges occurring on or after October 1, 1994, the Sec-  
 12 retary shall adjust the ratio of the labor portion to non-  
 13 labor portion of each average standardized amount to  
 14 equal such ratio for the national average of all standard-  
 15 ized amounts.”.

16 **SEC. 102. ESSENTIAL ACCESS COMMUNITY HOSPITAL**  
 17 **(EACH) AMENDMENTS.**

18 (a) TREATMENT OF INPATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES  
 19 PROVIDED IN RURAL PRIMARY CARE HOSPITALS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1820(f)(1)(F) (42  
 21 U.S.C. 1395i-4(f)(1)(F)) is amended to read as fol-  
 22 lows:

23 “(F) subject to paragraph (4), provides not  
 24 more than 6 inpatient beds (meeting such con-  
 25 ditions as the Secretary may establish) for pro-

1           viding inpatient care to patients requiring sta-  
2           bilization before discharge or transfer to a hos-  
3           pital, except that the facility may not provide  
4           any inpatient hospital services—

5                   “(i) to any patient whose attending  
6                   physician does not certify that the patient  
7                   may reasonably be expected to be dis-  
8                   charged or transferred to a hospital within  
9                   72 hours of admission to the facility; or

10                   “(ii) consisting of surgery or any  
11                   other service requiring the use of general  
12                   anesthesia (other than surgical procedures  
13                   specified by the Secretary under section  
14                   1833(i)(1)(A)), unless the attending physi-  
15                   cian certifies that the risk associated with  
16                   transferring the patient to a hospital for  
17                   such services outweighs the benefits of  
18                   transferring the patient to a hospital for  
19                   such services.”.

20           (2) LIMITATION ON AVERAGE LENGTH OF  
21           STAY.—Section 1820(f) (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4(f)) is  
22           amended by adding at the end the following new  
23           paragraph:

24                   “(4) LIMITATION ON AVERAGE LENGTH OF IN-  
25           PATIENT STAYS.—The Secretary may terminate a

1 designation of a rural primary care hospital under  
2 paragraph (1) if the Secretary finds that the average  
3 length of stay for inpatients at the facility during  
4 the previous year in which the designation was in ef-  
5 fect exceeded 72 hours. In determining the compli-  
6 ance of a facility with the requirement of the pre-  
7 vious sentence, there shall not be taken into account  
8 periods of stay of inpatients in excess of 72 hours  
9 to the extent such periods exceed 72 hours because  
10 transfer to a hospital is precluded because of inclem-  
11 ent weather or other emergency conditions.”.

12 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
13 1814(a)(8) (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(8)) is amended by  
14 striking “such services” and all that follows and in-  
15 sserting “the individual may reasonably be expected  
16 to be discharged or transferred to a hospital within  
17 72 hours after admission to the rural primary care  
18 hospital.”.

19 (4) GAO REPORTS.—Not later than 2 years  
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
21 Comptroller General shall submit reports to Con-  
22 gress on—

23 (A) the application of the requirements  
24 under section 1820(f) of the Social Security Act  
25 (as amended by this subsection) that rural pri-

1           mary care hospitals provide inpatient care only  
2           to those individuals whose attending physicians  
3           certify may reasonably be expected to be dis-  
4           charged within 72 hours after admission and  
5           maintain an average length of inpatient stay  
6           during a year that does not exceed 72 hours;  
7           and

8                   (B) the extent to which such requirements  
9           have resulted in such hospitals providing inpa-  
10          tient care beyond their capabilities or have lim-  
11          ited the ability of such hospitals to provide  
12          needed services.

13          (b) DESIGNATION OF HOSPITALS.—

14                  (1) PERMITTING DESIGNATION OF HOSPITALS  
15          LOCATED IN URBAN AREAS.—

16                          (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1820 (42  
17          U.S.C. 1395i-4) is amended—

18                                  (i) by striking paragraph (1) of sub-  
19                                  section (e) and redesignating paragraphs  
20                                  (2) through (6) as paragraphs (1) through  
21                                  (5);

22                                  (ii) in subsection (e)(1)(A) (as redес-  
23                                  ignated by subparagraph (A))—

24    (I) by striking “is located” and  
25    inserting “except in the case of a hos-

1                   pital located in an urban area, is lo-  
2                   cated”,

3                   (II) by striking “, (ii)” and in-  
4                   serting “or (ii)”, and

5                   (III) by striking “or (iii)” and all  
6                   that follows through “section,”; and

7                   (iii) in subsection (i)(1)(B), by strik-  
8                   ing “paragraph (3)” and inserting “para-  
9                   graph (2)”.

10                  (B) NO CHANGE IN MEDICARE PROSPEC-  
11                  TIVE PAYMENT.—Section 1886(d)(5)(D) (42  
12                  U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(D)) is amended—

13                   (i) in clause (iii)(III), by inserting “lo-  
14                   cated in a rural area and” after “that is”,  
15                   and

16                   (ii) in clause (v), by inserting “located  
17                   in a rural area and” after “in the case of  
18                   a hospital”.

19                  (2) PERMITTING HOSPITALS LOCATED IN AD-  
20                  JOINING STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE PRO-  
21                  GRAM.—

22                  (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1820 (42  
23                  U.S.C. 1395i-4) is amended—

24                   (i) by redesignating subsection (k) as  
25                   subsection (l); and

1 (ii) by inserting after subsection (j)  
2 the following new subsection:

3 “(k) ELIGIBILITY OF HOSPITALS NOT LOCATED IN  
4 PARTICIPATING STATES.—Notwithstanding any other  
5 provision of this section—

6 “(1) for purposes of including a hospital or fa-  
7 cility as a member institution of a rural health net-  
8 work, a State may designate a hospital or facility  
9 that is not located in the State as an essential access  
10 community hospital or a rural primary care hospital  
11 if the hospital or facility is located in an adjoining  
12 State and is otherwise eligible for designation as  
13 such a hospital;

14 “(2) the Secretary may designate a hospital or  
15 facility that is not located in a State receiving a  
16 grant under subsection (a)(1) as an essential access  
17 community hospital or a rural primary care hospital  
18 if the hospital or facility is a member institution of  
19 a rural health network of a State receiving a grant  
20 under such subsection; and

21 “(3) a hospital or facility designated pursuant  
22 to this subsection shall be eligible to receive a grant  
23 under subsection (a)(2).”.

24 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(i) Sec-  
25 tion 1820(c)(1) (42 U.S.C. 1395i-4(c)(1)) is

1 amended by striking “paragraph (3)” and in-  
2 serting “paragraph (3) or subsection (k)”.

3 (ii) Paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(A) of sec-  
4 tion 1820(i) (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4(i)) are each  
5 amended—

6 (I) in clause (i), by striking “(a)(1)”  
7 and inserting “(a)(1) (except as provided  
8 in subsection (k))”, and

9 (II) in clause (ii), by striking “sub-  
10 paragraph (B)” and inserting “subpara-  
11 graph (B) or subsection (k)”.

12 (c) SKILLED NURSING SERVICES IN RURAL PRIMARY  
13 CARE HOSPITALS.—Section 1820(f)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1395i–  
14 4(f)(3)) is amended by striking “because the facility” and  
15 all that follows and inserting the following: “because, at  
16 the time the facility applies to the State for designation  
17 as a rural primary care hospital, there is in effect an  
18 agreement between the facility and the Secretary under  
19 section 1883 under which the facility’s inpatient hospital  
20 facilities are used for the furnishing of extended care serv-  
21 ices, except that the number of beds used for the furnish-  
22 ing of such services may not exceed the total number of  
23 licensed inpatient beds at the time the facility applies to  
24 the State for such designation (minus the number of inpa-  
25 tient beds used for providing inpatient care pursuant to

1 paragraph (1)(F)). For purposes of the previous sentence,  
2 the number of beds of the facility used for the furnishing  
3 of extended care services shall not include any beds of a  
4 unit of the facility that is licensed as a distinct-part skilled  
5 nursing facility at the time the facility applies to the State  
6 for designation as a rural primary care hospital.”.

7 (d) DEADLINE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROSPECTIVE  
8 PAYMENT SYSTEM FOR INPATIENT RURAL PRIMARY  
9 CARE HOSPITAL SERVICES.—Section 1814(l)(2) (42  
10 U.S.C. 1395f(l)(2)) is amended by striking “January 1,  
11 1993” and inserting “January 1, 1996”.

12 (e) PAYMENT FOR OUTPATIENT RURAL PRIMARY  
13 CARE HOSPITAL SERVICES.—

14 (1) IMPLEMENTATION OF PROSPECTIVE PAY-  
15 MENT SYSTEM.—Section 1834(g) (42 U.S.C.  
16 1395m(g)) is amended—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “during  
18 a year before 1993” and inserting “during a  
19 year before the prospective payment system de-  
20 scribed in paragraph (2) is in effect”; and

21 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “January  
22 1, 1993,” and inserting “January 1, 1996,”.

23 (2) NO USE OF CUSTOMARY CHARGE IN DETER-  
24 MINING PAYMENT.—Section 1834(g)(1) (42 U.S.C.

1 1395m(g)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the  
2 following new flush sentence:

3 “The amount of payment shall be determined under  
4 either method without regard to the amount of the  
5 customary or other charge.”.

6 (f) CLARIFICATION OF PHYSICIAN STAFFING RE-  
7 QUIREMENT FOR RURAL PRIMARY CARE HOSPITALS.—  
8 Section 1820(f)(1)(H) (42 U.S.C. 1395i-4(f)(1)(H)) is  
9 amended by striking the period and inserting the follow-  
10 ing: “, except that in determining whether a facility meets  
11 the requirements of this subparagraph, subparagraphs (E)  
12 and (F) of that paragraph shall be applied as if any ref-  
13 erence to a ‘physician’ is a reference to a physician as de-  
14 fined in section 1861(r)(1).”.

15 (g) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS RELATING TO PART  
16 A DEDUCTIBLE, COINSURANCE, AND SPELL OF ILL-  
17 NESS.—(1) Section 1812(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 1395d(a)(1))  
18 is amended—

19 (A) by striking “inpatient hospital services” the  
20 first place it appears and inserting “inpatient hos-  
21 pital services or inpatient rural primary care hos-  
22 pital services”;

23 (B) by striking “inpatient hospital services” the  
24 second place it appears and inserting “such serv-  
25 ices”; and

1 (C) by striking “and inpatient rural primary  
2 care hospital services”.

3 (2) Sections 1813(a) and 1813(b)(3)(A) (42 U.S.C.  
4 1395e(a), 1395e(b)(3)(A)) are each amended by striking  
5 “inpatient hospital services” each place it appears and in-  
6 serting “inpatient hospital services or inpatient rural pri-  
7 mary care hospital services”.

8 (3) Section 1813(b)(3)(B) (42 U.S.C.  
9 1395e(b)(3)(B)) is amended by striking “inpatient hos-  
10 pital services” and inserting “inpatient hospital services,  
11 inpatient rural primary care hospital services”.

12 (4) Section 1861(a) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(a)) is amend-  
13 ed—

14 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “inpatient  
15 hospital services” and inserting “inpatient hospital  
16 services, inpatient rural primary care hospital serv-  
17 ices”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “hospital”  
19 and inserting “hospital or rural primary care hos-  
20 pital”.

21 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section  
22 1820(l) (42 U.S.C. 1395i–4(l)), as redesignated by sub-  
23 section (c)(2)(A), is amended by striking “1990, 1991,  
24 and 1992” and inserting “1990 through 1997”.

1 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment  
3 of this Act.

4 **SEC. 103. PROVISIONS RELATING TO RURAL HEALTH TRAN-**  
5 **SITION GRANT PROGRAM.**

6 (a) ELIGIBILITY OF RURAL PRIMARY CARE HOS-  
7 PITALS FOR GRANTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 4005(e)(2) of  
9 OBRA–1987 is amended in the matter preceding  
10 subparagraph (A) by inserting “any rural primary  
11 care hospital designated by the Secretary under sec-  
12 tion 1820(i)(2) of the Social Security Act, or” after  
13 “means”.

14 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
15 by paragraph (1) shall apply to grants made on or  
16 after October 1, 1994.

17 (b) EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-  
18 TIONS.—Section 4005(e)(9) of OBRA–1987 is amended—

19 (1) by striking “1989 and” and inserting  
20 “1989,”; and

21 (2) by striking “1992” and inserting “1992  
22 and \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1993  
23 through 1997”.

1 (c) FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED REPORTS.—Section  
2 4008(e)(8)(B) of OBRA–1987 is amended by striking  
3 “every 6 months” and inserting “every 12 months”.

4 **SEC. 104. PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES IN HOSPITALS.**

5 Section 1861(e)(4) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(e)(4)) is  
6 amended by striking “physician;” and inserting “physi-  
7 cian, except that a patient receiving qualified psychologist  
8 services (as defined in subsection (ii)) may be under the  
9 care of a clinical psychologist with respect to such services  
10 to the extent permitted under State law;”.

11 **SEC. 105. MEDICARE-DEPENDENT, SMALL RURAL HOS-**  
12 **PITALS AND SOLE COMMUNITY HOSPITALS.**

13 (a) MEDICARE DEPENDENT, SMALL RURAL HOS-  
14 PITALS.—

15 (1) CLARIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL PAY-  
16 MENT.—Section 1886(d)(5)(G)(ii)(I) (42 U.S.C.  
17 1395ww(d)(5)(G)(ii)(I)), as amended by section  
18 13501(e)(1) of OBRA–1993, is amended by striking  
19 “the first 3 12-month cost reporting periods that  
20 begin” and inserting “the 36-month period begin-  
21 ning with the first day of the cost reporting period  
22 that begins”.

23 (2) CONFORMING TARGET AMOUNTS TO EXTEN-  
24 SION OF ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS.—Section  
25 1886(b)(3)(D) (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(D)) is

1 amended in the matter preceding clause (i) by strik-  
2 ing “March 31, 1993” and inserting “September 30,  
3 1994”.

4 (b) CLARIFICATION OF UPDATES.—Section  
5 1886(b)(3)(B)(iv)(II) (42 U.S.C.  
6 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(iv)(II)), as added by section  
7 13501(a)(2) of OBRA–1993, is amended by striking  
8 “(taking into account” and all that follows through  
9 “1994)” and inserting “(adjusted to exclude any portion  
10 of a cost reporting period beginning during fiscal year  
11 1993 for which the applicable percentage increase is deter-  
12 mined under subparagraph (I))”.

13 **SEC. 106. SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES.**

14 (a) CONSTRUCTION OF WAGE INDEX.—Not later  
15 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
16 the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall begin  
17 to collect data on employee compensation and paid hours  
18 of employment in skilled nursing facilities for the purpose  
19 of constructing a skilled nursing facility wage index ad-  
20 justment to the routine service cost limits required under  
21 section 1888(a)(4) of the Social Security Act.

22 (b) CLARIFICATION OF REPEAL OF UTILIZATION RE-  
23 VIEW REQUIREMENTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—(A) Section 1814(a)(5) (42  
25 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(5)) is amended—

1 (i) by striking “and with respect” and all  
2 that follows through “regulations”;

3 (ii) by striking “or skilled nursing facility,  
4 as the case may be”; and

5 (iii) by striking “or facility”.

6 (B) Section 1866(d) (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(d)) is  
7 amended—

8 (i) by striking “or skilled nursing facility”;

9 (ii) by striking “or facility” each place it  
10 appears;

11 (iii) by striking “or for post-hospital” and  
12 all that follows through “the case may be”; and

13 (iv) by striking “, or (in the case of” and  
14 all that follows through “transfer agreement,”.

15 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
16 by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in  
17 the enactment of OBRA–1987.

18 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO NURSING HOME  
19 REFORM.—

20 (1) SUSPENSION OF DECERTIFICATION OF  
21 NURSES AIDE TRAINING AND COMPETENCY EVALUA-  
22 TION PROGRAMS BASED ON EXTENDED SURVEYS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section  
24 1819(f)(2)(B)(iii)(I)(b) (42 U.S.C. 1395i-  
25 3(f)(2)(B)(iii)(I)(b)) is amended by striking the

1           semicolon and inserting the following: “, unless  
2           the survey shows that the facility is in compli-  
3           ance with the requirements of subsections (b),  
4           (c), and (d) of this section;”.

5           (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment  
6           made by subparagraph (A) shall take effect as  
7           if included in the enactment of OBRA–1990.

8           (2) REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSULTANTS CON-  
9           DUCTING REVIEWS ON USE OF DRUGS.—

10           (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1819(c)(1)(D)  
11           (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(c)(1)(D)) is amended by  
12           adding at the end the following sentence: “In  
13           determining whether such a consultant is quali-  
14           fied to conduct reviews under the preceding sen-  
15           tence, the Secretary shall take into account the  
16           needs of nursing facilities under this title to  
17           have access to the services of such a consultant  
18           on a timely basis.”.

19           (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment  
20           made by subparagraph (A) shall take effect as  
21           if included in the enactment of OBRA–1987.

22           (3) INCREASE IN MINIMUM AMOUNT REQUIRED  
23           FOR SEPARATE DEPOSIT OF PERSONAL FUNDS.—

24           (A) IN GENERAL.—Section  
25           1819(c)(6)(B)(i) (42 U.S.C. 1395i–

1           3(c)(6)(B)(i) is amended by striking “\$50”  
2           and inserting “\$100”.

3           (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment  
4           made by subparagraph (A) shall take effect  
5           January 1, 1995.

6           (4) DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS FOR NURSE  
7           AIDES.—

8           (A) PROHIBITING STATE FROM INCLUDING  
9           UNDOCUMENTED ALLEGATIONS IN NURSES  
10          AIDE REGISTRY.—Section 1819(e)(2)(B) (42  
11          U.S.C. 1395i-3(e)(2)(B)) is amended by strik-  
12          ing the period at the end of the first sentence  
13          and inserting the following: “, but shall not in-  
14          clude any allegations of resident abuse or ne-  
15          glect or misappropriation of resident property  
16          that are not specifically documented by the  
17          State under such subsection.”.

18          (B) DUE PROCESS REQUIREMENTS FOR  
19          REBUTTING                   ALLEGATIONS.—Section  
20          1819(g)(1)(C) (42 U.S.C. 1395i-3(g)(1)(C)) is  
21          amended by striking the second sentence and  
22          inserting the following: “The State shall, after  
23          providing the individual involved with a written  
24          notice of the allegations (including a statement  
25          of the availability of a hearing for the individual

1 to rebut the allegations) and the opportunity  
2 for a hearing on the record, make a written  
3 finding as to the accuracy of the allegations.”.

4 (C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments  
5 made by this paragraph shall take effect Janu-  
6 ary 1, 1995.

7 (d) CORRECTIONS RELATING TO SECTION 4008.—

8 (1) Section 1819(b)(5)(D) (42 U.S.C. 1395i-  
9 3(b)(5)(D)), as amended by section 4008(h)(1)(D)  
10 of OBRA-1990, is amended by striking the comma  
11 before “or a new competency evaluation program.”.

12 (2) Section 1819(b)(5)(G) (42 U.S.C. 1395i-  
13 3(b)(5)(G)) is amended by striking “or licensed or  
14 certified social worker” and inserting “licensed or  
15 certified social worker, registered respiratory thera-  
16 pist, or certified respiratory therapy technician”.

17 (3) Section 1819(f)(2)(B)(i) (42 U.S.C. 1395i-  
18 3(f)(2)(B)(i)) is amended by striking “facilities,”  
19 and inserting “facilities (subject to clause (iii)),”.

20 (4) Section 1819(f)(2)(B)(iii)(I)(c) (42 U.S.C.  
21 1395i-3(f)(2)(B)(iii)(I)(c)) is amended by striking  
22 “clauses” each place it appears and inserting  
23 “clause”.

1           (5) Section 1819(g)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C. 1395i-  
2           3(g)(5)(B)) is amended by striking “paragraphs”  
3           and inserting “paragraph”.

4           (6) Section 4008(h)(1)(F)(ii) of OBRA-1990 is  
5           amended—

6                   (A) by striking “The amendments” and in-  
7                   serting “(I) The amendments”;

8                   (B) by striking “nursing facility” each  
9                   place it appears and inserting “skilled nursing  
10                  facility”;

11                  (C) by redesignating subclauses (I)  
12                  through (V) as items (aa) through (ee); and

13                  (D) by adding at the end the following new  
14                  subclause:

15                       “(II) Notwithstanding subclause (I)  
16                       and subject to section 1819(f)(2)(B)(iii)(I)  
17                       of the Social Security Act (as amended by  
18                       clause (i)), a State may approve a training  
19                       and competency evaluation program or a  
20                       competency evaluation program offered by  
21                       or in a skilled nursing facility described in  
22                       subclause (I) if, during the previous 2  
23                       years, item (aa), (bb), (cc), (dd), or (ee) of  
24                       subclause (I) did not apply to the facil-  
25                       ity.”.

1           (7) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
2           by this subsection shall take effect as if included in  
3           the enactment of OBRA–1990.

4   **SEC. 107. NOTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF HOSPICE**  
5                           **BENEFIT.**

6           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(ee)(2)(D) (42  
7 U.S.C. 1395x(ee)(2)(D)) is amended by inserting “, in-  
8 cluding hospice services,” after “post-hospital services”.

9           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) shall apply to services furnished on or after  
11 the first day of the first month beginning more than one  
12 year after the date of the enactment of this Act.

13   **SEC. 108. CLARIFYING EXPERTISE OF INDIVIDUALS TO**  
14                           **SERVE ON THE PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT AS-**  
15                           **SESSMENT COMMISSION.**

16           Section 1886(e)(6)(B) (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(e)(6)(B))  
17 is amended by striking “hospital reimbursement, hospital  
18 financial management” and inserting “health facility man-  
19 agement, reimbursement of health facilities or other pro-  
20 viders of services which reflect the scope of the Commis-  
21 sion’s responsibilities”.

1 **SEC. 109. AUTHORITY FOR BUDGET NEUTRAL ADJUST-**  
2 **MENTS FOR CHANGES IN PAYMENT AMOUNTS**  
3 **FOR TRANSFER CASES.**

4 Section 1886(d)(5)(I) (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)) is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(i)” after “(I)”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
8 clause:

9 “(ii) In making adjustments under clause (i) for  
10 transfer cases (as defined by the Secretary) in a fiscal  
11 year, the Secretary may make adjustments to each of the  
12 average standardized amounts determined under para-  
13 graph (3) to assure that the aggregate payments made  
14 under this subsection for such fiscal year are not greater  
15 or lesser than those that would have otherwise been made  
16 in such fiscal year.”.

17 **SEC. 110. CLARIFICATION OF DRG PAYMENT WINDOW EX-**  
18 **PANSION; MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL**  
19 **CORRECTIONS.**

20 (a) CLARIFICATION OF DRG PAYMENT WINDOW EX-  
21 PANSION.—The first sentence of section 1886(a)(4) (42  
22 U.S.C. 1395ww(a)(4)) is amended by inserting “(or, in the  
23 case of a hospital that is not a subsection (d) hospital,  
24 during the 1 day)” after “3 days”.

25 (b) TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATING TO RESI-  
26 DENT ASSESSMENT IN NURSING HOMES.—Section

1 1819(b)(3)(C)(i)(I) (42 U.S.C. 1395i-3(b)(3)(C)(i)(I)) is  
2 amended by striking “not later than” before “14 days”.

3 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATING TO APPLICA-  
4 BLE ADJUSTMENT FACTOR FOR INDIRECT MEDICAL  
5 EDUCATION ADJUSTMENT.—Section 1886(d)(5)(B)(ii)  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(5)(B)(ii)) is amended by striking  
7 “May 1, 1986,” and inserting “October 1, 1988,”.

8 (d) CLERICAL CORRECTIONS.—(1) Section  
9 1814(i)(1)(C)(i) (42 U.S.C. 1395f(i)(1)(C)(i)) is amended  
10 by striking “September 30, 1990,,” and inserting “Sep-  
11 tember 30, 1990,”.

12 (2) Section 1816(f)(2)(A)(ii) (42 U.S.C.  
13 1396h(f)(2)(A)(ii)) is amended by striking “such agency”  
14 and inserting “such agency’s”.

## 15 **Subtitle B—Provisions Relating to** 16 **Part B**

### 17 **PART I—PHYSICIANS’ SERVICES**

#### 18 **SEC. 121. DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RE-** 19 **SOURCE-BASED METHODOLOGY FOR PRAC-** 20 **TICE EXPENSES.**

21 (a) DEVELOPMENT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
23 Human Services shall develop a methodology for im-  
24 plementing in 1998 a resource-based system for de-  
25 termining practice expense relative value units for

1 each physicians' service. The methodology utilized  
2 shall recognize the staff, equipment, and supplies  
3 used in the provision of various medical and surgical  
4 services in various settings.

5 (2) REPORT.—The Secretary shall transmit a  
6 report by June 30, 1996, on the methodology devel-  
7 oped under paragraph (1) to the Committees on  
8 Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce of the  
9 House of Representatives and the Committee on Fi-  
10 nance of the Senate. The report shall include a pres-  
11 entation of data utilized in developing the methodol-  
12 ogy and an explanation of the methodology.

13 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1848(c)(2)(C)(ii)  
15 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(c)(2)(C)(ii)) is amended—

16 (A) by inserting “for the service for years  
17 before 1998” before “equal to”,

18 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
19 subclause (II) and inserting a comma, and

20 (C) by adding after and below subclause  
21 (II) the following:

22 “and for years beginning with 1998 based  
23 on the relative practice expense resources  
24 involved in furnishing the service.”.

1           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
2           1848(c)(3)(C)(ii) (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(c)(3)(C)(ii))  
3           is amended by striking “The practice” and inserting  
4           “For years before 1998, the practice”.

5           (3) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—In  
6           implementing the amendment made by paragraph  
7           (1)(C), the provisions of clauses (ii)(II) and (iii) of  
8           section 1848(c)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act  
9           shall apply in the same manner as they apply to ad-  
10          justments under clause (ii)(I) of such section.

11 **SEC. 122. GEOGRAPHIC COST OF PRACTICE INDEX REFINE-**  
12 **MENTS.**

13          (a) REQUIRING CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTA-  
14 TIVES OF PHYSICIANS IN REVIEWING GEOGRAPHIC AD-  
15 JUSTMENT FACTORS.—Section 1848(e)(1)(C) (42 U.S.C.  
16 1395w-4(e)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “shall review”  
17 and inserting “shall, in consultation with appropriate rep-  
18 resentatives of physicians, review”.

19          (b) USE OF MOST RECENT DATA IN GEOGRAPHIC  
20 ADJUSTMENT.—Section 1848(e)(1) (42 U.S.C. 1395w-  
21 4(e)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
22 new subparagraph:

23                   “(D) USE OF RECENT DATA.—In estab-  
24                   lishing indices and index values under this  
25                   paragraph, the Secretary shall use the most re-

1 cent data available relating to practice ex-  
2 penses, malpractice expenses, and physician  
3 work effort in different fee schedule areas.”.

4 (c) REPORT ON REVIEW PROCESS.—Not later than  
5 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
6 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall study and  
7 report to the Committee on Finance of the Senate and  
8 the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee  
9 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives  
10 on—

11 (1) the data necessary to review and revise the  
12 indices established under section 1848(e)(1)(A) of  
13 the Social Security Act, including—

14 (A) the shares allocated to physicians’  
15 work effort, practice expenses (other than mal-  
16 practice expenses), and malpractice expenses;

17 (B) the weights assigned to the input com-  
18 ponents of such shares; and

19 (C) the index values assigned to such com-  
20 ponents;

21 (2) any limitations on the availability of data  
22 necessary to review and revise such indices at least  
23 every three years;

24 (3) ways of addressing such limitations, with  
25 particular attention to the development of alternative

1 data sources for input components for which current  
2 index values are based on data collected less fre-  
3 quently than every three years; and

4 (4) the costs of developing more accurate and  
5 timely data.

6 **SEC. 123. EXTRA-BILLING LIMITS.**

7 (a) ENFORCEMENT OF LIMITS.—Section 1848(g) (42  
8 U.S.C. 1395w-4(g)), as amended by section 13517(a) of  
9 OBRA-1993, is amended—

10 (1) by amending paragraph (1) to read as fol-  
11 lows:

12 “(1) LIMITATION ON ACTUAL CHARGES.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a  
14 nonparticipating physician or nonparticipating  
15 supplier or other person (as defined in section  
16 1842(i)(2)) who does not accept payment on an  
17 assignment-related basis for a physician’s serv-  
18 ice furnished with respect to an individual en-  
19 rolled under this part, the following rules apply:

20 “(i) APPLICATION OF LIMITING  
21 CHARGE.—No person may bill or collect an  
22 actual charge for the service in excess of  
23 the limiting charge described in paragraph  
24 (2) for such service.

1           “(ii) NO LIABILITY FOR EXCESS  
2 CHARGES.—No person is liable for pay-  
3 ment of any amounts billed for the service  
4 in excess of such limiting charge.

5           “(iii) CORRECTION OF EXCESS  
6 CHARGES.—If such a physician, supplier,  
7 or other person bills, but does not collect,  
8 an actual charge for a service in violation  
9 of clause (i), the physician, supplier, or  
10 other person shall reduce on a timely basis  
11 the actual charge billed for the service to  
12 an amount not to exceed the limiting  
13 charge for the service.

14           “(iv) REFUND OF EXCESS COLLEC-  
15 TIONS.—If such a physician, supplier, or  
16 other person collects an actual charge for  
17 a service in violation of clause (i), the phy-  
18 sician, supplier, or other person shall pro-  
19 vide on a timely basis a refund to the indi-  
20 vidual charged in the amount by which the  
21 amount collected exceeded the limiting  
22 charge for the service. The amount of such  
23 a refund shall be reduced to the extent the  
24 individual has an outstanding balance owed  
25 by the individual to the physician.

1           “(B) SANCTIONS.—If a physician, supplier,  
2 or other person—

3           “(i) knowingly and willfully bills or  
4 collects for services in violation of subpara-  
5 graph (A)(i) on a repeated basis, or

6           “(ii) fails to comply with clause (iii)  
7 or (iv) of subparagraph (A) on a timely  
8 basis,

9 the Secretary may apply sanctions against the  
10 physician, supplier, or other person in accord-  
11 ance with paragraph (2) of section 1842(j). In  
12 applying this subparagraph, paragraph (4) of  
13 such section applies in the same manner as  
14 such paragraph applies to such section and any  
15 reference in such section to a physician is  
16 deemed also to include a reference to a supplier  
17 or other person under this subparagraph.

18           “(C) TIMELY BASIS.—For purposes of this  
19 paragraph, a correction of a bill for an excess  
20 charge or refund of an amount with respect to  
21 a violation of subparagraph (A)(i) in the case of  
22 a service is considered to be provided ‘on a  
23 timely basis’, if the reduction or refund is made  
24 not later than 30 days after the date the physi-  
25 cian, supplier, or other person is notified by the

1 carrier under this part of such violation and of  
2 the requirements of subparagraph (A).”; and  
3 (2) in paragraph (3)(B)—

4 (A) by inserting after the first sentence the  
5 following: “No person is liable for payment of  
6 any amounts billed for such a service in viola-  
7 tion of the previous sentence.”, and

8 (B) in the last sentence, by striking “pre-  
9 vious sentence” and inserting “first sentence”.

10 (b) CLARIFICATION OF MANDATORY ASSIGNMENT  
11 RULES FOR CERTAIN PRACTITIONERS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1842(b) (42 U.S.C.  
13 1395u(b)), as amended by section 126(e), is amend-  
14 ed by adding at the end the following new para-  
15 graph:

16 “(18)(A) Payment for any service furnished by a  
17 practitioner described in subparagraph (C) and for which  
18 payment may be made under this part on a reasonable  
19 charge or fee schedule basis may only be made under this  
20 part on an assignment-related basis.

21 “(B) A practitioner described in subparagraph (C) or  
22 other person may not bill (or collect any amount from)  
23 the individual or another person for any service described  
24 in subparagraph (A), except for deductible and coinsur-  
25 ance amounts applicable under this part. No person is lia-

1 ble for payment of any amounts billed for such a service  
2 in violation of the previous sentence. If a practitioner or  
3 other person knowingly and willfully bills (or collects an  
4 amount) for such a service in violation of such sentence,  
5 the Secretary may apply sanctions against the practitioner  
6 or other person in the same manner as the Secretary may  
7 apply sanctions against a physician in accordance with  
8 subsection (j)(2) in the same manner as such section ap-  
9 plies with respect to a physician. Paragraph (4) of sub-  
10 section (j) shall apply in this subparagraph in the same  
11 manner as such paragraph applies to such section.

12 “(C) A practitioner described in this subparagraph  
13 is any of the following:

14 “(i) A physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or  
15 clinical nurse specialist (as defined in section  
16 1861(aa)(5)).

17 “(ii) A certified registered nurse anesthetist (as  
18 defined in section 1861(bb)(2)).

19 “(iii) A certified nurse-midwife (as defined in  
20 section 1861(gg)(2)).

21 “(iv) A clinical social worker (as defined in sec-  
22 tion 1861(hh)(1)).

23 “(v) A clinical psychologist (as defined by the  
24 Secretary for purposes of section 1861(ii)).

1       “(D) For purposes of this paragraph, a service fur-  
2 nished by a practitioner described in subparagraph (C) in-  
3 cludes any services and supplies furnished as incident to  
4 the service as would otherwise be covered under this part  
5 if furnished by a physician or as incident to a physician’s  
6 service.”.

7           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

8           (A) Section 1833 (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is  
9 amended—

10                   (i) in subsection (l)(5), by striking  
11 subparagraph (B) and redesignating sub-  
12 paragraph (C) as subparagraph (B);

13                   (ii) by striking subsection (p); and

14                   (iii) in subsection (r), by striking  
15 paragraph (3) and redesignating para-  
16 graph (4) as paragraph (3).

17           (B) Section 1842(b)(12) (42 U.S.C.  
18 1395u(b)(12)) is amended by striking subpara-  
19 graph (C).

20           (c) INFORMATION ON EXTRA-BILLING LIMITS.—

21           (1) PART OF EXPLANATION OF MEDICARE BEN-  
22 EFITS.—Section 1842(h)(7) (42 U.S.C.  
23 1395u(h)(7)) is amended—

24                   (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-  
25 paragraph (B),

1 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “shall  
2 include”,

3 (C) in subparagraph (C), by striking the  
4 period at the end and inserting “, and”, and

5 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
6 subparagraph:

7 “(D) in the case of services for which the billed  
8 amount exceeds the limiting charge imposed under  
9 section 1848(g), information regarding such applica-  
10 ble limiting charge (including information concern-  
11 ing the right to a refund under section  
12 1848(g)(1)(A)(iv)).”.

13 (2) DETERMINATIONS BY CARRIERS.—Subpara-  
14 graph (G) of section 1842(b)(3) (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395u(b)(3)) is amended to read as follows:

16 “(G) will, for a service that is furnished with  
17 respect to an individual enrolled under this part,  
18 that is not paid on an assignment-related basis, and  
19 that is subject to a limiting charge under section  
20 1848(g)—

21 “(i) determine, prior to making payment,  
22 whether the amount billed for such service ex-  
23 ceeds the limiting charge applicable under sec-  
24 tion 1848(g)(2);

1           “(ii) notify the physician, supplier, or other  
2           person periodically (but not less often than once  
3           every 30 days) of determinations that amounts  
4           billed exceeded such applicable limiting charges;  
5           and

6           “(iii) provide for prompt response to in-  
7           quiries of physicians, suppliers, and other per-  
8           sons concerning the accuracy of such limiting  
9           charges for their services;”.

10       (d) REPORT ON CHARGES IN EXCESS OF LIMITING  
11 CHARGE.—Section 1848(g)(6)(B) (42 U.S.C. 1395w-  
12 4(g)(6)(B)) is amended by inserting “information on the  
13 extent to which actual charges exceed limiting charges, the  
14 number and types of services involved, and the average  
15 amount of excess charges and information” after “report  
16 to the Congress”.

17       (e) MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL AMEND-  
18 MENTS.—Section 1833(h)(5)(D) (42 U.S.C.  
19 1395l(h)(5)(D)) is amended—

20           (1) by striking “paragraphs (2) and (3)” and  
21           by inserting “paragraph (2)”; and

22           (2) by adding at the end the following: “Para-  
23           graph (4) of such section shall apply in this sub-  
24           paragraph in the same manner as such paragraph  
25           applies to such section.”.

1 (f) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

2 (1) ENFORCEMENT; MISCELLANEOUS AND  
3 TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—The amendments made  
4 by subsections (a) and (e) shall apply to services fur-  
5 nished on or after the date of the enactment of this  
6 Act; except that the amendments made by sub-  
7 section (a) shall not apply to services of a  
8 nonparticipating supplier or other person furnished  
9 before January 1, 1995.

10 (2) PRACTITIONERS.—The amendments made  
11 by subsection (b) shall apply to services furnished on  
12 or after January 1, 1995.

13 (3) EOMBS.—The amendments made by sub-  
14 section (c)(1) shall apply to explanations of benefits  
15 provided on or after July 1, 1995.

16 (4) CARRIER DETERMINATIONS.—The amend-  
17 ments made by subsection (c)(2) shall apply to con-  
18 tracts as of January 1, 1995.

19 (5) REPORT.—The amendment made by sub-  
20 section (d) shall apply to reports for years beginning  
21 with 1995.

22 **SEC. 124. RELATIVE VALUES FOR PEDIATRIC SERVICES.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
24 Human Services shall fully develop, by not later than July  
25 1, 1995, relative values for the full range of pediatric phy-

1 sicians' services which are consistent with the relative val-  
2 ues developed for other physicians' services under section  
3 1848(c) of the Social Security Act. In developing such val-  
4 ues, the Secretary shall conduct such refinements as may  
5 be necessary to produce appropriate estimates for such rel-  
6 ative values.

7 (b) STUDY.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct  
9 a study of the relative values for pediatric and other  
10 services to determine whether there are significant  
11 variations in the resources used in providing similar  
12 services to different populations. In conducting such  
13 study, the Secretary shall consult with appropriate  
14 organizations representing pediatricians and other  
15 physicians and physical and occupational therapists.

16 (2) REPORT.—Not later than July 1, 1995, the  
17 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the  
18 study conducted under paragraph (1). Such report  
19 shall include any appropriate recommendations re-  
20 garding needed changes in coding or other payment  
21 policies to ensure that payments for pediatric serv-  
22 ices appropriately reflect the resources required to  
23 provide these services.

1 **SEC. 125. ADMINISTRATION OF CLAIMS RELATING TO PHY-**  
2 **SICIANS' SERVICES.**

3 (a) LIMITATION ON CARRIER USER FEES.—Section  
4 1842(c) (42 U.S.C. 1395u(c)) is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(4) Neither a carrier nor the Secretary may impose  
7 a fee under this title—

8 “(A) for the filing of claims related to physi-  
9 cians’ services,

10 “(B) for an error in filing a claim relating to  
11 physicians’ services or for such a claim which is de-  
12 nied,

13 “(C) for any appeal under this title with respect  
14 to physicians’ services,

15 “(D) for applying for (or obtaining) a unique  
16 identifier under subsection (r), or

17 “(E) for responding to inquiries respecting phy-  
18 sicians’ services or for providing information with re-  
19 spect to medical review of such services.”.

20 (b) CLARIFICATION OF PERMISSIBLE SUBSTITUTE  
21 BILLING ARRANGEMENTS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Clause (D) of section  
23 1842(b)(6) (42 U.S.C. 1395u(b)(6)) is amended to  
24 read as follows: “(D) payment may be made to a  
25 physician for physicians’ services (and services fur-  
26 nished incident to such services) furnished by a sec-

1       ond physician to patients of the first physician if (i)  
2       the first physician is unavailable to provide the serv-  
3       ices; (ii) the services are furnished pursuant to an  
4       arrangement between the two physicians that (I) is  
5       informal and reciprocal, or (II) involves per diem or  
6       other fee-for-time compensation for such services;  
7       (iii) the services are not provided by the second phy-  
8       sician over a continuous period of more than 60  
9       days; and (iv) the claim form submitted to the car-  
10      rier for such services includes the second physician’s  
11      unique identifier (provided under the system estab-  
12      lished under subsection (r)) and indicates that the  
13      claim meets the requirements of this subparagraph  
14      for payment to the first physician”.

15           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
16      by paragraph (1) shall apply to services furnished on  
17      or after the first day of the first month beginning  
18      more than 60 days after the date of the enactment  
19      of this Act.

20      **SEC. 126. MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

21           (a) OVERVALUED PROCEDURES.—(1) Section  
22      1842(b)(16)(B)(iii) (42 U.S.C. 1395u(b)(16)(B)(iii)) is  
23      amended—

24           (A) by striking “, simple and subcutaneous”,

1 (B) by striking “; small” and inserting “and  
2 small”,

3 (C) by striking “treatments;” the first place it  
4 appears and inserting “and”,

5 (D) by striking “lobectomy;”,

6 (E) by striking “enterectomy; colectomy; chole-  
7 cystectomy;”,

8 (F) by striking “; transurethral resection”  
9 and inserting “and resection”, and

10 (G) by striking “sacral laminectomy;”.

11 (2) Section 4101(b)(2) of OBRA–1990 is amended—

12 (A) in the matter before subparagraph (A), by  
13 striking “1842(b)(16)” and inserting  
14 “1842(b)(16)(B)”, and

15 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

16 (i) by striking “, simple and subcutane-  
17 ous”,

18 (ii) by striking “(HCPCS codes 19160 and  
19 19162)” and inserting “(HCPCS code 19160)”,  
20 and

21 (iii) by striking all that follows “(HCPCS  
22 codes 92250” and inserting “and 92260).”.

23 (b) RADIOLOGY SERVICES.—(1) Section 1834(b)(4)  
24 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(b)(4)) is amended by redesignating the  
25 subparagraphs (E) and (F) redesignated by section

1 4102(a)(1) of OBRA-1990 as subparagraphs (F) and  
2 (G), respectively.

3 (2) Section 1834(b)(4)(D) (42 U.S.C.  
4 1395m(b)(4)(D)) is amended—

5 (A) in the matter before clause (i), by striking  
6 “shall be determined as follows:” and inserting  
7 “shall, subject to clause (vii), be reduced to the ad-  
8 justed conversion factor for the locality determined  
9 as follows:”,

10 (B) in clause (iv), by striking “LOCAL ADJUST-  
11 MENT.—Subject to clause (vii), the conversion factor  
12 to be applied to” and inserting “ADJUSTED CONVER-  
13 SION FACTOR.—The adjusted conversion factor for”,

14 (C) in clause (vii), by striking “under this sub-  
15 paragraph”, and

16 (D) in clause (vii), by inserting “reduced under  
17 this subparagraph by” after “shall not be”.

18 (3) Section 4102(c)(2) of OBRA-1990 is amended  
19 by striking “radiology services” and all that follows and  
20 inserting “nuclear medicine services.”.

21 (4) Section 4102(d) of OBRA-1990 is amended by  
22 striking “new paragraph” and inserting “new subpara-  
23 graph”.

1           (5)     Section     1834(b)(4)(E)     (42     U.S.C.  
2 1395m(b)(4)(E)) is amended by inserting “RULE FOR  
3 CERTAIN SCANNING SERVICES.—” after “(E)”.

4           (6) Section 1848(a)(2)(D)(iii) (42 U.S.C. 1395w-  
5 4(a)(2)(D)(iii)) is amended by striking “that are subject  
6 to section 6105(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation  
7 Act of 1989” and by striking “provided under such sec-  
8 tion” and inserting “provided under section 6105(b) of the  
9 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989”.

10          (c) ANESTHESIA SERVICES.—(1) Section 4103(a) of  
11 OBRA–1990 is amended by striking “REDUCTION IN FEE  
12 SCHEDULE” and inserting “REDUCTION IN PREVAILING  
13 CHARGES”.

14          (2)     Section     1842(q)(1)(B)     (42     U.S.C.  
15 1395u(q)(1)(B)) is amended—

16                (A) in the matter before clause (i), by striking  
17 “shall be determined as follows:” and inserting  
18 “shall, subject to clause (iv), be reduced to the ad-  
19 justed prevailing charge conversion factor for the lo-  
20 cality determined as follows:”, and

21                (B) in clause (iii), by striking “Subject to  
22 clause (iv), the prevailing charge conversion factor to  
23 be applied in” and inserting “The adjusted prevail-  
24 ing charge conversion factor for”.

1 (d) ASSISTANTS AT SURGERY.—(1) Section 4107(c)  
2 of OBRA–1990 is amended by inserting “(a)(1)” after  
3 “subsection”.

4 (2) Section 4107(a)(2) of OBRA–1990 is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following: “In applying section  
6 1848(g)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act for services of  
7 an assistant-at-surgery furnished during 1991, the recog-  
8 nized payment amount shall not exceed the maximum  
9 amount specified under section 1848(i)(2)(A) of such Act  
10 (as applied under this paragraph in such year).”.

11 (e) TECHNICAL COMPONENTS OF DIAGNOSTIC SERV-  
12 ICES.—Section 1842(b) (42 U.S.C. 1395u(b)) is amended  
13 by redesignating paragraph (18), as added by section  
14 4108(a) of OBRA–1990, as paragraph (17) and, in such  
15 paragraph, by inserting “, tests specified in paragraph  
16 (14)(C)(i),” after “diagnostic laboratory tests”.

17 (f) STATEWIDE FEE SCHEDULES.—Section 4117 of  
18 OBRA–1990 is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)—

20 (A) by striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—”, and

21 (B) by striking “, if the” and all that fol-  
22 lows through “1991,”; and

23 (2) by striking subsections (b), (c), and (d).

1 (g) OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL  
2 AMENDMENTS.—(1) The heading of section 1834(f) (42  
3 U.S.C. 1395m(f)) is amended by striking “FISCAL YEAR”.

4 (2)(A) Section 4105(b) of OBRA–1990 is amended—

5 (i) in paragraph (2), by striking “amendments”  
6 and inserting “amendment”, and

7 (ii) in paragraph (3), by striking “amendments  
8 made by paragraphs (1) and (2)” and inserting  
9 “amendment made by paragraph (1)”.

10 (B) Section 1848(f)(2)(C) (42 U.S.C. 1395w–  
11 4(f)(2)(C)) is amended by inserting “PERFORMANCE  
12 STANDARD RATES OF INCREASE FOR FISCAL YEAR  
13 1991.—” after “(C)”.

14 (C) Section 4105(d) of OBRA–1990 is amended by  
15 inserting “PUBLICATION OF PERFORMANCE STANDARD  
16 RATES.—” after “(d)”.

17 (3) Section 4106(c) of OBRA–1990 is amended by  
18 inserting “of the Social Security Act” after  
19 “1848(d)(1)(B)”.

20 (4) Section 4114 of OBRA–1990 is amended by  
21 striking “patients” the second place it appears.

22 (5) Section 1848(e)(1)(C) (42 U.S.C. 1395w–  
23 4(e)(1)(C)) is amended by inserting “date of the” after  
24 “since the”.

1 (6) Section 4118(f)(1)(D) of OBRA-1990 is amend-  
2 ed by striking “is amended”.

3 (7) Section 4118(f)(1)(N)(ii) of OBRA-1990 is  
4 amended by striking “subsection (f)(5)(A)” and inserting  
5 “subsection (f)(5)(A)”.

6 (8) Section 1845(e) (42 U.S.C. 1395w-1(e)) is  
7 amended—

8 (A) by striking paragraph (2); and

9 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (3), (4), and  
10 (5) as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4).

11 (9) Section 4118(j)(2) of OBRA-1990 is amended by  
12 striking “In section” and inserting “Section”.

13 (10)(A) Section 1848(i)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1395w-  
14 4(i)(3)) is amended by striking the space before the period  
15 at the end.

16 (B) Section 1834(a)(10)(B) (42 U.S.C.  
17 1395m(a)(10)(B)) is amended—

18 (i) by striking “apply to” and inserting “would  
19 otherwise apply to”, and

20 (ii) by inserting before the period at the end  
21 “but for the application of section 1848(i)(3)”.

22 (h) OTHER CORRECTIONS.—(1) Effective on the date  
23 of the enactment of this Act, section 6102(d)(4) of  
24 OBRA-1989 is amended by striking all that follows the  
25 first sentence.

1 (2) Effective for payments for fiscal years beginning  
2 with fiscal year 1994, section 1842(c)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
3 1395u(c)(1)) is amended—

4 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(A) Any  
5 contract” and inserting “Any contract”; and

6 (B) by striking subparagraph (B).

7 (i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-  
8 section (i), the amendments made by this section and the  
9 provisions of this section shall take effect as if included  
10 in the enactment of OBRA-1990.

## 11 **PART II—DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**

### 12 **SEC. 131. CERTIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS.**

13 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834 (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395m), as amended by section 13544(b)(1) of  
16 OBRA-1993, is amended by adding at the end the  
17 following new subsection:

18 “(j) REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPLIERS OF MEDICAL  
19 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.—

20 “(1) ISSUANCE AND RENEWAL OF SUPPLIER  
21 NUMBER.—

22 “(A) PAYMENT.—Except as provided in  
23 subparagraph (C), no payment may be made  
24 under this part after the date of the enactment  
25 of the Social Security Act Amendments of 1994

1 for items furnished by a supplier of medical  
2 equipment and supplies unless such supplier ob-  
3 tains (and renews at such intervals as the Sec-  
4 retary may require) a supplier number.

5 “(B) STANDARDS FOR POSSESSING A SUP-  
6 PLIER NUMBER.—A supplier may not obtain a  
7 supplier number unless—

8 “(i) for medical equipment and sup-  
9 plies furnished on or after the date of en-  
10 actment of the Social Security Act Amend-  
11 ments of 1994, and before January 1,  
12 1996, the supplier meets standards pre-  
13 scribed by the Secretary in regulations is-  
14 sued on June 18, 1992; and

15 “(ii) for medical equipment and sup-  
16 plies furnished on or after January 1,  
17 1996, the supplier meets revised standards  
18 prescribed by the Secretary (in consulta-  
19 tion with representatives of suppliers of  
20 medical equipment and supplies, carriers,  
21 and consumers) that shall include require-  
22 ments that the supplier—

23 “(I) comply with all applicable  
24 State and Federal licensure and regu-  
25 latory requirements;

1                   “(II) maintain a physical facility  
2                   on an appropriate site;

3                   “(III) have proof of appropriate  
4                   liability insurance; and

5                   “(IV) meet such other require-  
6                   ments as the Secretary may specify.

7                   “(C) EXCEPTION FOR ITEMS FURNISHED  
8                   AS INCIDENT TO A PHYSICIAN’S SERVICE.—  
9                   Subparagraph (A) shall not apply with respect  
10                  to medical equipment and supplies furnished in-  
11                  cident to a physician’s service.

12                  “(D) PROHIBITION AGAINST MULTIPLE  
13                  SUPPLIER NUMBERS.—The Secretary may not  
14                  issue more than one supplier number to any  
15                  supplier of medical equipment and supplies un-  
16                  less the issuance of more than one number is  
17                  appropriate to identify subsidiary or regional  
18                  entities under the supplier’s ownership or con-  
19                  trol.

20                  “(E) PROHIBITION AGAINST DELEGATION  
21                  OF SUPPLIER DETERMINATIONS.—The Sec-  
22                  retary may not delegate (other than by contract  
23                  under section 1842) the responsibility to deter-  
24                  mine whether suppliers meet the standards nec-  
25                  essary to obtain a supplier number.

1           “(2) CERTIFICATES OF MEDICAL NECESSITY.—

2                   “(A) LIMITATION ON INFORMATION PRO-  
3           VIDED BY SUPPLIERS ON CERTIFICATES OF  
4           MEDICAL NECESSITY.—

5                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—Effective 60 days  
6           after the date of enactment of the Social  
7           Security Act Amendments of 1994, a sup-  
8           plier of medical equipment and supplies  
9           may distribute to physicians, or to individ-  
10          uals entitled to benefits under this part, a  
11          certificate of medical necessity for commer-  
12          cial purposes which contains no more than  
13          the following information completed by the  
14          supplier:

15                   “(I) An identification of the sup-  
16                  plier and the beneficiary to whom  
17                  such medical equipment and supplies  
18                  are furnished.

19                   “(II) A description of such medi-  
20                  cal equipment and supplies.

21                   “(III) Any product code identify-  
22                  ing such medical equipment and sup-  
23                  plies.

24                   “(IV) Any other administrative  
25                  information (other than information

1 relating to the beneficiary's medical  
2 condition) identified by the Secretary.

3 “(ii) INFORMATION ON PAYMENT  
4 AMOUNT AND CHARGES.—If a supplier dis-  
5 tributes a certificate of medical necessity  
6 containing any of the information per-  
7 mitted to be supplied under clause (i), the  
8 supplier shall also list on the certificate of  
9 medical necessity the fee schedule amount  
10 and the supplier's charge for the medical  
11 equipment or supplies being furnished  
12 prior to distribution of such certificate to  
13 the physician.

14 “(iii) PENALTY.—Any supplier of  
15 medical equipment and supplies who know-  
16 ingly and willfully distributes a certificate  
17 of medical necessity in violation of clause  
18 (i) or fails to provide the information re-  
19 quired under clause (ii) is subject to a civil  
20 money penalty in an amount not to exceed  
21 \$1,000 for each such certificate of medical  
22 necessity so distributed. The provisions of  
23 section 1128A (other than subsections (a)  
24 and (b)) shall apply to civil money pen-  
25 alties under this subparagraph in the same

1 manner as they apply to a penalty or pro-  
2 ceeding under section 1128A(a).

3 “(B) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this  
4 paragraph, the term ‘certificate of medical ne-  
5 cessity’ means a form or other document con-  
6 taining information required by the carrier to  
7 be submitted to show that an item is reasonable  
8 and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of  
9 illness or injury or to improve the functioning  
10 of a malformed body member.

11 “(3) COVERAGE AND REVIEW CRITERIA.—The  
12 Secretary shall annually review the coverage and uti-  
13 lization of items of medical equipment and supplies  
14 to determine whether such items should be made  
15 subject to coverage and utilization review criteria,  
16 and if appropriate, shall develop and apply such cri-  
17 teria to such items.

18 “(4) DEFINITION.—The term ‘medical equip-  
19 ment and supplies’ means—

20 “(A) durable medical equipment (as de-  
21 fined in section 1861(n));

22 “(B) prosthetic devices (as described in  
23 section 1861(s)(8));

24 “(C) orthotics and prosthetics (as de-  
25 scribed in section 1861(s)(9));

1           “(D) surgical dressings (as described in  
2 section 1861(s)(5));

3           “(E) such other items as the Secretary  
4 may determine; and

5           “(F) for purposes of paragraphs (1) and  
6 (3)—

7           “(i) home dialysis supplies and equip-  
8 ment (as described in section  
9 1861(s)(2)(F)),

10           “(ii) immunosuppressive drugs (as de-  
11 scribed in section 1861(s)(2)(J)),

12           “(iii) therapeutic shoes for diabetics  
13 (as described in section 1861(s)(12)),

14           “(iv) oral drugs prescribed for use as  
15 an anticancer therapeutic agent (as de-  
16 scribed in section 1861(s)(2)(Q)), and

17           “(v) self-administered erythropoetin  
18 (as described in section 1861(s)(2)(P)).”.

19           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Effective 60  
20 days after the date of enactment of the Social Secu-  
21 rity Act Amendments of 1994, paragraph (16) of  
22 section 1834(a) (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)) is repealed.

23           (b) USE OF COVERED ITEMS BY DISABLED BENE-  
24 FICIARIES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
2           Human Services, in consultation with representa-  
3           tives of suppliers of durable medical equipment  
4           under part B of the medicare program and individ-  
5           uals entitled to benefits under such program on the  
6           basis of disability, shall conduct a study of the ef-  
7           fects of the methodology for determining payments  
8           for items of such equipment under such part on the  
9           ability of such individuals to obtain items of such  
10          equipment, including customized items.

11          (2) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the  
12          date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
13          shall submit a report to Congress on the study con-  
14          ducted under paragraph (1), and shall include in the  
15          report such recommendations as the Secretary con-  
16          siders appropriate to assure that disabled medicare  
17          beneficiaries have access to items of durable medical  
18          equipment.

19          (c) CRITERIA FOR TREATMENT OF ITEMS AS PROS-  
20          THETIC DEVICES OR ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS.—  
21          Not later than one year after the date of the enactment  
22          of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
23          shall submit a report to the Committees on Ways and  
24          Means and Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-  
25          resentatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate

1 describing prosthetic devices or orthotics and prosthetics  
2 covered under part B of the medicare program that do  
3 not require individualized or custom fitting and adjust-  
4 ment to be used by a patient. Such report shall include  
5 recommendations for an appropriate methodology for de-  
6 termining the amount of payment for such items under  
7 such program.

8 **SEC. 132. RESTRICTIONS ON CERTAIN MARKETING AND**  
9 **SALES ACTIVITIES.**

10 (a) PROHIBITING UNSOLICITED TELEPHONE CON-  
11 TACTS FROM SUPPLIERS OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIP-  
12 MENT TO MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(a) (42 U.S.C.  
14 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
15 lowing new paragraph:

16 “(17) PROHIBITION AGAINST UNSOLICITED  
17 TELEPHONE CONTACTS BY SUPPLIERS.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A supplier of a cov-  
19 ered item under this subsection may not contact  
20 an individual enrolled under this part by tele-  
21 phone regarding the furnishing of a covered  
22 item to the individual unless 1 of the following  
23 applies:

24 “(i) The individual has given written  
25 permission to the supplier to make contact

1 by telephone regarding the furnishing of a  
2 covered item.

3 “(ii) The supplier has furnished a cov-  
4 ered item to the individual and the supplier  
5 is contacting the individual only regarding  
6 the furnishing of such covered item.

7 “(iii) If the contact is regarding the  
8 furnishing of a covered item other than a  
9 covered item already furnished to the indi-  
10 vidual, the supplier has furnished at least  
11 1 covered item to the individual during the  
12 15-month period preceding the date on  
13 which the supplier makes such contact.

14 “(B) PROHIBITING PAYMENT FOR ITEMS  
15 FURNISHED SUBSEQUENT TO UNSOLICITED  
16 CONTACTS.—If a supplier knowingly contacts  
17 an individual in violation of subparagraph (A),  
18 no payment may be made under this part for  
19 any item subsequently furnished to the individ-  
20 ual by the supplier.

21 “(C) EXCLUSION FROM PROGRAM FOR  
22 SUPPLIERS ENGAGING IN PATTERN OF UNSO-  
23 LICITED CONTACTS.—If a supplier knowingly  
24 contacts individuals in violation of subpara-  
25 graph (A) to such an extent that the supplier’s

1           conduct establishes a pattern of contacts in vio-  
2           lation of such subparagraph, the Secretary shall  
3           exclude the supplier from participation in the  
4           programs under this Act, in accordance with  
5           the procedures set forth in subsections (c), (f),  
6           and (g) of section 1128.”.

7           (2) REQUIRING REFUND OF AMOUNTS COL-  
8           LECTED FOR DISALLOWED ITEMS.—Section 1834(a)  
9           (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)), as amended by paragraph  
10          (1), is amended by adding at the end the following  
11          new paragraph:

12           “(18) REFUND OF AMOUNTS COLLECTED FOR  
13          CERTAIN DISALLOWED ITEMS.—

14           “(A) IN GENERAL.—If a nonparticipating  
15          supplier furnishes to an individual enrolled  
16          under this part a covered item for which no  
17          payment may be made under this part by rea-  
18          son of paragraph (17)(B), the supplier shall re-  
19          fund on a timely basis to the patient (and shall  
20          be liable to the patient for) any amounts col-  
21          lected from the patient for the item, unless—

22           “(i) the supplier establishes that the  
23          supplier did not know and could not rea-  
24          sonably have been expected to know that

1 payment may not be made for the item by  
2 reason of paragraph (17)(B), or

3 “(ii) before the item was furnished,  
4 the patient was informed that payment  
5 under this part may not be made for that  
6 item and the patient has agreed to pay for  
7 that item.

8 “(B) SANCTIONS.—If a supplier knowingly  
9 and willfully fails to make refunds in violation  
10 of subparagraph (A), the Secretary may apply  
11 sanctions against the supplier in accordance  
12 with section 1842(j)(2).

13 “(C) NOTICE.—Each carrier with a con-  
14 tract in effect under this part with respect to  
15 suppliers of covered items shall send any notice  
16 of denial of payment for covered items by rea-  
17 son of paragraph (17)(B) and for which pay-  
18 ment is not requested on an assignment-related  
19 basis to the supplier and the patient involved.

20 “(D) TIMELY BASIS DEFINED.—A refund  
21 under subparagraph (A) is considered to be on  
22 a timely basis only if—

23 “(i) in the case of a supplier who does  
24 not request reconsideration or seek appeal  
25 on a timely basis, the refund is made with-

1 in 30 days after the date the supplier re-  
2 ceives a denial notice under subparagraph  
3 (C), or

4 “(ii) in the case in which such a re-  
5 consideration or appeal is taken, the re-  
6 fund is made within 15 days after the date  
7 the supplier receives notice of an adverse  
8 determination on reconsideration or ap-  
9 peal.”.

10 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1834(h)(3)  
11 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(h)(3)) is amended by striking “Para-  
12 graph (12)” and inserting “Paragraphs (12) and (17)”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to items furnished after  
15 the expiration of the 60-day period that begins on the date  
16 of the enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 133. BENEFICIARY LIABILITY FOR NONCOVERED**  
18 **SERVICES.**

19 (a) UNASSIGNED CLAIMS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(j) (42 U.S.C.  
21 1395m(i)), as added by section 131(a)(1), is amend-  
22 ed—

23 (A) by redesignating paragraph (4) as  
24 paragraph (5), and

1 (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the  
2 following new paragraph:

3 “(4) LIMITATION ON PATIENT LIABILITY.—If a  
4 supplier of medical equipment and supplies (as de-  
5 fined in paragraph (5))—

6 “(A) furnishes an item or service to a ben-  
7 eficiary for which no payment may be made by  
8 reason of paragraph (1);

9 “(B) furnishes an item or service to a ben-  
10 eficiary for which payment is denied in advance  
11 under subsection (a)(15); or

12 “(C) furnishes an item or service to a ben-  
13 eficiary for which payment is denied under sec-  
14 tion 1862(a)(1);

15 any expenses incurred for items and services fur-  
16 nished to an individual by such a supplier not on an  
17 assigned basis shall be the responsibility of such  
18 supplier. The individual shall have no financial re-  
19 sponsibility for such expenses and the supplier shall  
20 refund on a timely basis to the individual (and shall  
21 be liable to the individual for) any amounts collected  
22 from the individual for such items or services. The  
23 provisions of subsection (a)(18) shall apply to re-  
24 funds required under the previous sentence in the

1 same manner as such provisions apply to refunds  
2 under such subsection.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
4 1128B(b)(3)(B) (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7b(b)(3)(B)), as  
5 amended by section 134(a), is amended by striking  
6 “1834(j)(4)” and inserting “1834(j)(5)”.

7 (b) ASSIGNED CLAIMS.—Section 1879 (42 U.S.C.  
8 1395pp) is amended by adding at the end the following  
9 new subsection:

10 “(h) If a supplier of medical equipment and supplies  
11 (as defined in section 1834(j)(5))—

12 “(1) furnishes an item or service to a bene-  
13 ficiary for which no payment may be made by reason  
14 of section 1834(j)(1);

15 “(2) furnishes an item or service to a bene-  
16 ficiary for which payment is denied in advance under  
17 section 1834(a)(15); or

18 “(3) furnishes an item or service to a bene-  
19 ficiary for which no payment may be made by reason  
20 of section 1834(a)(17)(B),

21 any expenses incurred for items and services furnished to  
22 an individual by such a supplier on an assignment-related  
23 basis shall be the responsibility of such supplier. The indi-  
24 vidual shall have no financial responsibility for such ex-  
25 penses and the supplier shall refund on a timely basis to

1 the individual (and shall be liable to the individual for)  
2 any amounts collected from the individual for such items  
3 or services. The provisions of section 1834(a)(18) shall  
4 apply to refunds required under the previous sentence in  
5 the same manner as such provisions apply to refunds  
6 under such section.”.

7 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
8 this section shall apply to items or services furnished on  
9 or after January 1, 1995.

10 **SEC. 134. ADJUSTMENTS FOR INHERENT REASONABLE-**  
11 **NESS.**

12 (a) ADJUSTMENTS MADE TO FINAL PAYMENT  
13 AMOUNTS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(a)(10)(B) (42  
15 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(10)(B)) is amended by adding at  
16 the end the following: “In applying such provisions  
17 to payments for an item under this subsection, the  
18 Secretary shall make adjustments to the payment  
19 basis for the item described in paragraph (1)(B) if  
20 the Secretary determines (in accordance with such  
21 provisions and on the basis of prices and costs appli-  
22 cable at the time the item is furnished) that such  
23 payment basis is not inherently reasonable.”.

1           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
2           by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date of the  
3           enactment of this Act.

4           (b) ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN ITEMS.—

5           (1) IN GENERAL.—In accordance with section  
6           1834(a)(10)(B) of the Social Security Act (as  
7           amended by subsection (a)), the Secretary of Health  
8           and Human Services shall determine whether the  
9           payment amounts for the items described in para-  
10          graph (2) are not inherently reasonable, and shall  
11          adjust such amounts in accordance with such section  
12          if the amounts are not inherently reasonable.

13          (2) ITEMS DESCRIBED.—The items referred to  
14          in paragraph (1) are decubitus care equipment,  
15          transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators, and any  
16          other items considered appropriate by the Secretary.

17 **SEC. 135. MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

18          (a) UPDATES TO PAYMENT AMOUNTS.—(1) Subpara-  
19          graph (A) of section 1834(a)(14) (42 U.S.C.  
20          1395m(a)(14)) is amended to read as follows:

21                 “(A) for 1991 and 1992, the percentage  
22                 increase in the consumer price index for all  
23                 urban consumers (U.S. city average) for the 12-  
24                 month period ending with June of the previous  
25                 year reduced by 1 percentage point; and”.

1           (2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall be  
2 effective on the date of the enactment of this Act.

3           (b) ADVANCE DETERMINATIONS OF COVERAGE.—(1)  
4 Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act, section  
5 1834(a)(15) (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(15)) is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7                   “(15) ADVANCE DETERMINATIONS OF COV-  
8 ERAGE FOR CERTAIN ITEMS.—

9                           “(A) DEVELOPMENT OF LISTS OF ITEMS  
10 BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary may develop  
11 and periodically update a list of items for which  
12 payment may be made under this subsection  
13 that the Secretary determines, on the basis of  
14 prior payment experience, are frequently subject  
15 to unnecessary utilization throughout a carrier’s  
16 entire service area or a portion of such area.

17                           “(B) DEVELOPMENT OF LISTS OF SUPPLI-  
18 ERS BY SECRETARY.—The Secretary may de-  
19 velop and periodically update a list of suppliers  
20 of items for which payment may be made under  
21 this subsection with respect to whom—

22                                   “(i) the Secretary has found that a  
23 substantial number of claims for payment  
24 under this part for items furnished by the

1 supplier have been denied on the basis of  
2 the application of section 1862(a)(1); or

3 “(ii) the Secretary has identified a  
4 pattern of overutilization resulting from  
5 the business practice of the supplier.

6 “(C) DETERMINATIONS OF COVERAGE IN  
7 ADVANCE.—A carrier shall determine in ad-  
8 vance of delivery of an item whether payment  
9 for the item may not be made because the item  
10 is not covered or because of the application of  
11 section 1862(a)(1) if—

12 “(i) the item is included on the list  
13 developed by the Secretary under subpara-  
14 graph (A);

15 “(ii) the item is furnished by a sup-  
16 plier included on the list developed by the  
17 Secretary under subparagraph (B); or

18 “(iii) the item is a customized item  
19 (other than inexpensive items specified by  
20 the Secretary) and the patient to whom the  
21 item is to be furnished or the supplier re-  
22 quests that such advance determination be  
23 made.”.

24 (2) Effective for standards applied for contract years  
25 beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act, sec-

1 tion 1842(c) (42 U.S.C. 1395u(c)), as amended by section  
2 125(a), is amended by adding at the end the following new  
3 paragraph:

4 “(5) Each contract under this section which provides  
5 for the disbursement of funds, as described in subsection  
6 (a)(1)(B), shall require the carrier to meet criteria devel-  
7 oped by the Secretary to measure the timeliness of carrier  
8 responses to requests for payment of items described in  
9 section 1834(a)(15)(C).”.

10 (3) Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act,  
11 section 1834(h)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1395m(h)(3)), as amended  
12 by section 133(b), is amended by striking “(12) and (17)”  
13 and inserting “(12), (15), and (17)”.

14 (c) STUDY OF VARIATIONS IN DURABLE MEDICAL  
15 EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER COSTS.—

16 (1) COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF SUPPLIER  
17 COST DATA.—The Administrator of the Health Care  
18 Financing Administration shall, in consultation with  
19 appropriate organizations, collect data on supplier  
20 costs of durable medical equipment for which pay-  
21 ment may be made under part B of the medicare  
22 program, and shall analyze such data to determine  
23 the proportions of such costs attributable to the  
24 service and product components of furnishing such  
25 equipment and the extent to which such proportions

1 vary by type of equipment and by the geographic re-  
2 gion in which the supplier is located.

3 (2) DEVELOPMENT OF GEOGRAPHIC ADJUST-  
4 MENT INDEX; REPORTS.—Not later than July 1,  
5 1995—

6 (A) the Administrator shall submit a re-  
7 port to the Committees on Energy and Com-  
8 merce and Ways and Means of the House of  
9 Representatives and the Committee on Finance  
10 of the Senate on the data collected and the  
11 analysis conducted under paragraph (1), and  
12 shall include in such report the Administrator's  
13 recommendations for a geographic cost adjust-  
14 ment index for suppliers of durable medical  
15 equipment under the medicare program and an  
16 analysis of the impact of such proposed index  
17 on payments under the medicare program; and

18 (B) the Comptroller General shall submit a  
19 report to the Committees on Energy and Com-  
20 merce and Ways and Means of the House of  
21 Representatives and the Committee on Finance  
22 of the Senate analyzing on a geographic basis  
23 the supplier costs of durable medical equipment  
24 under the medicare program.

1 (d) OXYGEN RETESTING.—(1) Section  
2 1834(a)(5)(E) (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(5)(E)) is amended by  
3 striking “55” and inserting “56”.

4 (2) The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall be  
5 effective on the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 (e) OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL  
7 AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section 4152(a)(3) of OBRA–1990  
8 is amended by striking “amendment made by subsection  
9 (a)” and inserting “amendments made by this sub-  
10 section”.

11 (2) Section 4152(c)(2) of OBRA–1990 is amended  
12 by striking “1395m(a)(7)(A)” and inserting  
13 “1395m(a)(7)”.

14 (3) Section 1834(a)(7)(A)(iii)(II) (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395m(a)(7)(A)(iii)(II)) is amended by striking “clause  
16 (v)” and inserting “clause (vi)”.

17 (4) Section 1834(a)(7)(C)(i) (42 U.S.C.  
18 1395m(a)(7)(C)(i)) is amended by striking “or paragraph  
19 (3)”.

20 (5) Section 1834(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(3)) is  
21 amended by striking subparagraph (D).

22 (6) Section 4153(c)(1) of OBRA–1990 is amended  
23 by striking “1834(a)” and inserting “1834(h)”.

1 (7) Section 4153(d)(2) of OBRA-1990 is amended  
2 by striking “Reconciliation” and inserting “Reconcili-  
3 ation”.

4 (8) The amendments made by this subsection shall  
5 take effect as if included in the enactment of OBRA-1990.

## 6 **PART III—OTHER ITEMS AND SERVICES**

### 7 **SEC. 141. AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER SERVICES.**

8 (a) PAYMENT AMOUNTS FOR SERVICES FURNISHED  
9 IN AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS.—

10 (1) USE OF SURVEY TO DETERMINE INCURRED  
11 COSTS.—Section 1833(i)(2)(A)(i) (42 U.S.C.  
12 1395l(i)(2)(A)(i)) is amended by striking the comma  
13 at the end and inserting the following: “, as deter-  
14 mined in accordance with a survey (based upon a  
15 representative sample of procedures and facilities)  
16 taken not later than January 1, 1995, and every 5  
17 years thereafter, of the actual audited costs incurred  
18 by such centers in providing such services,”.

19 (2) AUTOMATIC APPLICATION OF INFLATION  
20 ADJUSTMENT.—Section 1833(i)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
21 1395l(i)(2)) is amended—

22 (A) in the second sentence of subpara-  
23 graph (A) and the second sentence of subpara-  
24 graph (B), by striking “and may be adjusted by  
25 the Secretary, when appropriate,”; and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following new  
2 subparagraph:

3 “(C) Notwithstanding the second sentence of sub-  
4 paragraph (A) or the second sentence of subparagraph  
5 (B), if the Secretary has not updated amounts established  
6 under such subparagraphs with respect to facility services  
7 furnished during a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year  
8 1996), such amounts shall be increased by the percentage  
9 increase in the consumer price index for all urban consum-  
10 ers (U.S. city average) as estimated by the Secretary for  
11 the 12-month period ending with the midpoint of the year  
12 involved.”.

13 (3) CONSULTATION REQUIREMENT.—The sec-  
14 ond sentence of section 1833(i)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395l(i)(1)) is amended by striking the period and  
16 inserting the following: “, in consultation with ap-  
17 propriate trade and professional organizations.”.

18 (b) ADJUSTMENTS TO PAYMENT AMOUNTS FOR NEW  
19 TECHNOLOGY INTRAOCULAR LENSES.—

20 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCESS FOR REVIEW  
21 OF AMOUNTS.—Not later than 1 year after the date  
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
23 Health and Human Services (in this subsection re-  
24 ferred to as the “Secretary”) shall develop and im-  
25 plement a process under which interested parties

1 may request review by the Secretary of the appro-  
2 priateness of the reimbursement amount provided  
3 under section 1833(i)(2)(A)(iii) of the Social Secu-  
4 rity Act with respect to a class of new technology  
5 intraocular lenses. For purposes of the preceding  
6 sentence, an intraocular lens may not be treated as  
7 a new technology lens unless it has been approved  
8 by the Food and Drug Administration.

9 (2) FACTORS CONSIDERED.—In determining  
10 whether to provide an adjustment of payment with  
11 respect to a particular lens under paragraph (1), the  
12 Secretary shall take into account whether use of the  
13 lens is likely to result in reduced risk of  
14 intraoperative or postoperative complication or trau-  
15 ma, accelerated postoperative recovery, reduced in-  
16 duced astigmatism, improved postoperative visual  
17 acuity, more stable postoperative vision, or other  
18 comparable clinical advantages.

19 (3) NOTICE AND COMMENT.—The Secretary  
20 shall publish notice in the Federal Register from  
21 time to time (but no less often than once each year)  
22 of a list of the requests that the Secretary has re-  
23 ceived for review under this subsection, and shall  
24 provide for a 30-day comment period on the lenses  
25 that are the subjects of the requests contained in

1 such notice. The Secretary shall publish a notice of  
2 the Secretary's determinations with respect to intra-  
3 ocular lenses listed in the notice within 90 days after  
4 the close of the comment period.

5 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE OF ADJUSTMENT.—Any  
6 adjustment of a payment amount (or payment limit)  
7 made under this subsection shall become effective  
8 not later than 30 days after the date on which the  
9 notice with respect to the adjustment is published  
10 under paragraph (3).

11 (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATING TO BLEND  
12 AMOUNTS FOR AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER PAY-  
13 MENTS.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subclauses (I) and (II) of  
15 section 1833(i)(3)(B)(ii) (42 U.S.C.  
16 13951(i)(3)(B)(ii)) are each amended—

17 (A) by striking “for reporting” and insert-  
18 ing “for portions of cost reporting”; and

19 (B) by striking “and on or before” and in-  
20 serting “and ending on or before”.

21 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
22 by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in  
23 the enactment of OBRA–1990.

24 (d) TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATED TO CATA-  
25 RACT SURGERY.—Effective as if included in the enact-

1 ment of OBRA–1990, section 4151(c)(3) of such Act is  
2 amended by striking “for the insertion of an intraocular  
3 lens” and inserting “for an intraocular lens inserted”.

4 **SEC. 142. STUDY OF MEDICARE COVERAGE OF PATIENT**  
5 **CARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CLINICAL**  
6 **TRIALS OF NEW CANCER THERAPIES.**

7 (a) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and Human  
8 Services shall conduct a study of the effects of expressly  
9 covering under the medicare program the patient care  
10 costs for beneficiaries enrolled in clinical trials of new can-  
11 cer therapies, where the protocol for the trial has been  
12 approved by the National Cancer Institute or meets simi-  
13 lar scientific and ethical standards, including approval by  
14 an institutional review board. The study shall include—

15 (1) an estimate of the cost of such coverage,  
16 taking into account the extent to which medicare  
17 currently pays for such patient care costs in prac-  
18 tice;

19 (2) an assessment of the extent to which such  
20 clinical trials represent the best available treatment  
21 for the patients involved and of the effects of partici-  
22 pation in the trials on the health of such patients;

23 (3) an assessment of whether progress in devel-  
24 oping new anticancer therapies would be assisted by  
25 medicare coverage of such patient care costs; and



1 (b) REPORT.—By not later than January 1, 1996,  
2 the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Energy  
3 and Commerce and Ways and Means of the House of Rep-  
4 resentatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate  
5 a report on the study conducted under subsection (a).  
6 Such report shall include such recommendations for  
7 changes in such annual limitation as the Secretary finds  
8 appropriate.

9 **SEC. 144. PAYMENT OF PART B PREMIUM LATE ENROLL-**  
10 **MENT PENALTIES BY STATES.**

11 Section 1839 (42 U.S.C. 1395r) is amended by add-  
12 ing at the end the following new subsection:

13 “(g)(1) Upon the request of a State, the Secretary  
14 may enter into an agreement with the State under which  
15 the State agrees to pay on a quarterly or other periodic  
16 basis to the Secretary (to be deposited in the Treasury  
17 to the credit of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insur-  
18 ance Trust Fund) an amount equal to the amount of the  
19 part B late enrollment premium increases with respect to  
20 the premiums for eligible individuals (as defined in para-  
21 graph (3)(A)).

22 “(2) No part B late enrollment premium increase  
23 shall apply to an eligible individual for premiums for  
24 months for which the amount of such an increase is pay-  
25 able under an agreement under paragraph (1).

1 “(3) In this subsection:

2 “(A) The term ‘eligible individual’ means an in-  
3 dividual who is enrolled under this part B and who  
4 is within a class of individuals specified in the agree-  
5 ment under paragraph (1).

6 “(B) The term ‘part B late enrollment premium  
7 increase’ means any increase in a premium as a re-  
8 sult of the application of subsection (b).”.

9 **SEC. 145. APPLICATION OF MAMMOGRAPHY CERTIFI-**  
10 **CATION REQUIREMENTS.**

11 (a) **SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY.**—Section 1834(c)  
12 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1)(B), by striking “meets the  
14 quality standards established under paragraph (3)”  
15 and inserting “is conducted by a facility that has a  
16 certificate (or provisional certificate) issued under  
17 section 354 of the Public Health Service Act”;

18 (2) in paragraph (1)(C)(iii), by striking “para-  
19 graph (4)” and inserting “paragraph (3)”;

20 (3) by striking paragraph (3); and

21 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as  
22 paragraphs (3) and (4).

23 (b) **DIAGNOSTIC MAMMOGRAPHY.**—Section  
24 1861(s)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(3)) is amended by insert-  
25 ing “and including diagnostic mammography if conducted

1 by a facility that has a certificate (or provisional certifi-  
2 cate) issued under section 354 of the Public Health Serv-  
3 ice Act” after “necessary”.

4 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section  
5 1862(a)(1)(F) (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(1)(F)) is amended by  
6 striking “or which does not meet the standards established  
7 under section 1834(c)(3)” and inserting “or which is not  
8 conducted by a facility described in section  
9 1834(c)(1)(B)”.

10 (2) Section 1863 (42 U.S.C. 1395z) is amended by  
11 striking “or whether screening mammography meets the  
12 standards established under section 1834(c)(3),”.

13 (3) The first sentence of section 1864(a) (42 U.S.C.  
14 1395aa(a)) is amended by striking “, or whether screening  
15 mammography meets the standards established under sec-  
16 tion 1834(c)(3)”.

17 (4) The third sentence of section 1865(a) (42 U.S.C.  
18 1395bb(a)) is amended by striking “1834(c)(3),”.

19 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
20 this section shall apply to mammography furnished by a  
21 facility on and after the first date that the certificate re-  
22 quirements of section 354(b) of the Public Health Service  
23 Act apply to such mammography conducted by such facil-  
24 ity.

1 **SEC. 146. COVERAGE OF SERVICES OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE**  
2 **PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS.**

3 (a) SERVICES DEFINED.—Section 1861 (42 U.S.C.  
4 1395x), as amended by section 148(f)(6)(E), is amended  
5 by inserting after subsection (kk) the following new sub-  
6 section:

7 “Speech-Language Pathology Services; Audiology  
8 Services

9 “(ll)(1) The term ‘speech-language pathology serv-  
10 ices’ means such speech, language, and related function  
11 assessment and rehabilitation services furnished by a  
12 qualified speech-language pathologist as the speech-lan-  
13 guage pathologist is legally authorized to perform under  
14 State law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided by  
15 State law) as would otherwise be covered if furnished by  
16 a physician.

17 “(2) The term ‘audiology services’ means such hear-  
18 ing and balance assessment services furnished by a quali-  
19 fied audiologist as the audiologist is legally authorized to  
20 perform under State law (or the State regulatory mecha-  
21 nism provided by State law), as would otherwise be cov-  
22 ered if furnished by a physician.

23 “(3) In this subsection:

24 “(A) The term ‘qualified speech-language pa-  
25 thologist’ means an individual with a master’s or  
26 doctoral degree in speech-language pathology who—

1           “(i) is licensed as a speech-language pa-  
2           thologist by the State in which the individual  
3           furnishes such services, or

4           “(ii) in the case of an individual who fur-  
5           nishes services in a State which does not license  
6           speech-language pathologists, has successfully  
7           completed 350 clock hours of supervised clinical  
8           practicum (or is in the process of accumulating  
9           such supervised clinical experience), performed  
10          not less than 9 months of supervised full-time  
11          speech-language pathology services after obtain-  
12          ing a master’s or doctoral degree in speech-lan-  
13          guage pathology or a related field, and success-  
14          fully completed a national examination in  
15          speech-language pathology approved by the Sec-  
16          retary.

17          “(B) The term ‘qualified audiologist’ means an  
18          individual with a master’s or doctoral degree in  
19          audiology who—

20                 “(i) is licensed as an audiologist by the  
21                 State in which the individual furnishes such  
22                 services, or

23                 “(ii) in the case of an individual who fur-  
24                 nishes services in a State which does not license  
25                 audiologists has successfully completed 350

1 clock hours of supervised clinical practicum (or  
2 is in the process of accumulating such super-  
3 vised clinical experience), performed not less  
4 than 9 months of supervised full-time audiology  
5 services after obtaining a master's or doctoral  
6 degree in audiology or a related field, and suc-  
7 cessfully completed a national examination in  
8 audiology approved by the Secretary.”.

9 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO MED-  
10 ICARE TREATMENT OF SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SERV-  
11 ICES.—

12 (1) EXTENDED CARE SERVICES.—Section  
13 1861(h)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(h)(3)) is amended by  
14 striking “, occupational, or speech therapy” and in-  
15 sserting “or occupational therapy or speech-language  
16 pathology services”.

17 (2) HOME HEALTH SERVICES.—Section  
18 1861(m)(2) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(m)(2)) is amended by  
19 striking “, occupational, or speech therapy” and in-  
20 sserting “or occupational therapy or speech-language  
21 pathology services”.

22 (3) OUTPATIENT PHYSICAL THERAPY SERV-  
23 ICES.—The fourth sentence of section 1861(p) (42  
24 U.S.C. 1395x(p)) is amended by striking “speech

1 pathology services” and inserting “speech-language  
2 pathology services”.

3 (4) COMPREHENSIVE OUTPATIENT REHABILITA-  
4 TION FACILITY SERVICES.—Section 1861(cc)(1)(B)  
5 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(cc)(1)(B)) is amended by striking  
6 “speech pathology services” and inserting “speech-  
7 language pathology services”.

8 (5) HOSPICE CARE.—Section 1861(dd)(1)(B)  
9 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(dd)(1)(B)) is amended by striking  
10 “therapy or speech-language pathology” and insert-  
11 ing “therapy, or speech-language pathology serv-  
12 ices”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
14 this section shall take effect on January 1, 1995.

15 **SEC. 147. MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

16 (a) REVISION OF INFORMATION ON PART B CLAIMS  
17 FORMS.—Section 1833(q)(1) (42 U.S.C. 1395l(q)(1)) is  
18 amended—

19 (1) by striking “provider number” and inserting  
20 “unique physician identification number”; and

21 (2) by striking “and indicate whether or not the  
22 referring physician is an interested investor (within  
23 the meaning of section 1877(h)(5))”.

1 (b) CONSULTATION FOR SOCIAL WORKERS.—Effective  
2 tive with respect to services furnished on or after January  
3 1, 1991, section 6113(c) of OBRA-1989 is amended—

4 (1) by inserting “and clinical social worker  
5 services” after “psychologist services”; and

6 (2) by striking “psychologist” the second and  
7 third place it appears and inserting “psychologist or  
8 clinical social worker”.

9 (c) REPORTS ON HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT PAY-  
10 MENT.—(1) OBRA-1989 is amended by striking section  
11 6137.

12 (2) Section 1135(d) (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(d)) is  
13 amended—

14 (A) by striking paragraph (6); and

15 (B) in paragraph (7)—

16 (i) by striking “systems” each place it ap-  
17 pears and inserting “system”; and

18 (ii) by striking “paragraphs (1) and (6)”  
19 and inserting “paragraph (1)”.

20 (d) RADIOLOGY AND DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES PRO-  
21 VIDED IN HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENTS.—(1)  
22 Effective as if included in the enactment of OBRA-1989,  
23 section 1833(n)(1)(B)(i)(II) (42 U.S.C.  
24 1395l(n)(1)(B)(i)(II)) is amended—

1 (A) by inserting “and for services described in  
2 subsection (a)(2)(E)(ii) furnished on or after Janu-  
3 ary 1, 1992” after “1989”; and

4 (B) by striking “1842(b)” and inserting  
5 “1842(b) (or, in the case of services furnished on or  
6 after January 1, 1992, under section 1848)”.

7 (2) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
8 OBRA–1989, section 1833(n)(1)(B)(i)(II) (42 U.S.C.  
9 1395l(n)(1)(B)(i)(II)) is amended by striking “January 1,  
10 1989” and inserting “April 1, 1989”.

11 (e) PAYMENTS TO NURSE PRACTITIONERS IN RURAL  
12 AREAS (SECTION 4155 OF OBRA–1990).—(1) Section  
13 1861(s)(2)(K)(iii) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)(K)(iii)) is  
14 amended—

15 (A) by striking “subsection (aa)(3)” and insert-  
16 ing “subsection (aa)(5)”; and

17 (B) by striking “subsection (aa)(4)” and insert-  
18 ing “subsection (aa)(6)”.

19 (2) Section 1833(r)(1) (42 U.S.C. 1395l(r)(1)) is  
20 amended—

21 (A) by striking “ambulatory” each place it ap-  
22 pears and inserting “or ambulatory”; and

23 (B) by striking “center,” and inserting “cen-  
24 ter”.

1           (3) Section 1833(r)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 1395l(r)(2)(A))  
2 is amended by striking “subsection (a)(1)(M)” and insert-  
3 ing “subsection (a)(1)(O)”.

4           (4) Section 1861(b)(4) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(b)(4)) is  
5 amended by striking “subsection (s)(2)(K)(i)” and insert-  
6 ing “clauses (i) or (iii) of subsection (s)(2)(K)”.

7           (5) Section 1861(aa)(5) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)(5)) is  
8 amended by striking “this Act” and inserting “this title”.

9           (6) Section 1862(a)(14) (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(14)) is  
10 amended by striking “1861(s)(2)(K)(i)” and inserting  
11 “1861(s)(2)(K)(i) or 1861(s)(2)(K)(iii)”.

12           (7) Section 1866(a)(1)(H) (42 U.S.C.  
13 1395cc(a)(1)(H)) is amended by striking  
14 “1861(s)(2)(K)(i)” and inserting “1861(s)(2)(K)(i) or  
15 1861(s)(2)(K)(iii)”.

16           (f) OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL  
17 AMENDMENTS.—

18           (1) IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT IN PART B BY IN-  
19 DIVIDUALS COVERED BY AN EMPLOYMENT-BASED  
20 PLAN.—(A) Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section  
21 1837(i)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1395p(i)(3)) are each amend-  
22 ed—

23                   (i) by striking “beginning with the first  
24 day of the first month in which the individual  
25 is no longer enrolled” and inserting “including

1 each month during any part of which the indi-  
2 vidual is enrolled”; and

3 (ii) by striking “and ending seven months  
4 later” and inserting “ending with the last day  
5 of the eighth consecutive month in which the in-  
6 dividual is at no time so enrolled”.

7 (B) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1838(e)  
8 (42 U.S.C. 1395q(e)) are amended to read as fol-  
9 lows:

10 “(1) in any month of the special enrollment pe-  
11 riod in which the individual is at any time enrolled  
12 in a plan (specified in subparagraph (A) or (B), as  
13 applicable, of section 1837(i)(3)) or in the first  
14 month following such a month, the coverage period  
15 shall begin on the first day of the month in which  
16 the individual so enrolls (or, at the option of the in-  
17 dividual, on the first day of any of the following  
18 three months), or

19 “(2) in any other month of the special enroll-  
20 ment period, the coverage period shall begin on the  
21 first day of the month following the month in which  
22 the individual so enrolls.”.

23 (C) The amendments made by subparagraphs  
24 (A) and (B) shall take effect on the first day of the  
25 first month that begins after the expiration of the

1 120-day period that begins on the date of the enact-  
2 ment of this Act.

3 (2) CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY  
4 TESTS.—Section 4154(e)(5) of OBRA–1990 is  
5 amended by striking “(1)(A)” and inserting  
6 “(1)(A),”.

7 (3) SEPARATE PAYMENT UNDER PART B FOR  
8 CERTAIN SERVICES.—Section 4157(a) of OBRA–  
9 1990 is amended by striking “(a) SERVICES OF”  
10 and all that follows through “Section” and inserting  
11 “(a) TREATMENT OF SERVICES OF CERTAIN  
12 HEALTH PRACTITIONERS.—Section”.

13 (4) COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND RURAL  
14 HEALTH CLINICS.—(A) The fourth sentence of sec-  
15 tion 1861(aa)(2) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)(2)) is  
16 amended—

17 (i) by striking “certification” the first  
18 place it appears and inserting “approval”; and

19 (ii) by striking “the Secretary’s approval  
20 or disapproval of the certification” and insert-  
21 ing “Secretary’s approval or disapproval”.

22 (B) Section 4161(a)(7)(B) of OBRA–1990 is  
23 amended by inserting “and to the Committee on Fi-  
24 nance of the Senate” after “Representatives”.

1           (5) SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY.—Section 4163  
2 of OBRA–1990 is amended—

3           (A) by adding at the end of subsection (d)  
4 the following new paragraph:

5           “(3) The amendment made by paragraph  
6 (2)(A)(iv) shall apply to screening pap smears per-  
7 formed on or after July 1, 1990.”; and

8           (B) in subsection (e), by striking “The  
9 amendments” and inserting “Except as pro-  
10 vided in subsection (d)(3), the amendments”.

11          (6) INJECTABLE DRUGS FOR TREATMENT OF  
12 OSTEOPOROSIS.—

13          (A) CLARIFICATION OF DRUGS COV-  
14 ERED.—The section 1861(jj) (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395x(jj)) inserted by section 4156(a)(2) of  
16 OBRA–1990 is amended—

17           (i) in the matter preceding paragraph  
18 (1), by striking “a bone fracture related  
19 to”; and

20           (ii) in paragraph (1), by striking “pa-  
21 tient” and inserting “individual has suf-  
22 fered a bone fracture related to post-meno-  
23 pausal osteoporosis and that the individ-  
24 ual”.

1 (B) LIMITING COVERAGE TO DRUGS PRO-  
2 VIDED BY HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.—(i) The  
3 section 1861(jj) (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jj)) inserted  
4 by section 4156(a)(2) of OBRA–1990 is  
5 amended by striking “if” and inserting “by a  
6 home health agency if”.

7 (ii) Section 1861(m)(5) (42 U.S.C.  
8 1395x(m)(5)) is amended by striking “but ex-  
9 cluding” and inserting “and a covered  
10 osteoporosis drug (as defined in subsection  
11 (kk), but excluding other”.

12 (iii) Section 1861(s)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
13 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

14 (I) by adding “and” at the end of  
15 subparagraph (N), and

16 (II) by striking subparagraph (O) and  
17 redesignating subparagraph (P) as sub-  
18 paragraph (O).

19 (C) PAYMENT BASED ON REASONABLE  
20 COST.—Section 1833(a)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
21 1395l(a)(2)) is amended—

22 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
23 “health services” and inserting “health  
24 services (other than a covered osteoporosis  
25 drug (as defined in section 1861(kk)))”;

1 (ii) by striking “and” at the end of  
2 subparagraph (D);

3 (iii) by striking the semicolon at the  
4 end of subparagraph (E) and inserting “;  
5 and”; and

6 (iv) by adding at the end the following  
7 new subparagraph:

8 “(F) with respect to a covered osteoporosis  
9 drug (as defined in section 1861(kk)) furnished  
10 by a home health agency, 80 percent of the rea-  
11 sonable cost of such service, as determined  
12 under section 1861(v);”.

13 (D) APPLICATION OF PART B DEDUCT-  
14 IBLE.—Section 1833(b)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395l(b)(2)) is amended by striking “services”  
16 and inserting “services (other than a covered  
17 osteoporosis drug (as defined in section  
18 1861(kk)))”.

19 (E) COVERED OSTEOPOROSIS DRUG (SEC-  
20 TION 4156 OF OBRA–1990).—Section 1861 (42  
21 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended, in the subsection  
22 (jj) inserted by section 4156(a)(2) of OBRA–  
23 1990, by striking “(jj) The term” and inserting  
24 “(kk) The term”.

1 (7) OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL  
2 CORRECTIONS.—

3 (A) OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE REQUIRE-  
4 MENTS.—(i) Section 1124A(a)(2)(A) (42  
5 U.S.C. 1320a–3a(a)(2)(A)) is amended by  
6 striking “of the Social Security Act”.

7 (ii) Section 4164(b)(4) of OBRA–1990 is  
8 amended by striking “paragraph” and inserting  
9 “paragraphs”.

10 (B) DIRECTORY OF UNIQUE PHYSICIAN  
11 IDENTIFIER NUMBERS.—Section 4164(c) of  
12 OBRA–1990 is amended by striking “publish”  
13 and inserting “publish, and shall periodically  
14 update,”.

15 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as otherwise provided  
16 in this section, the amendments made by this section shall  
17 take effect as if included in the enactment of OBRA–1990.

18 **Subtitle C—Provisions Relating to**  
19 **Parts A and B**

20 **SEC. 151. MEDICARE SECONDARY PAYER REFORMS.**

21 (a) IMPROVING IDENTIFICATION OF MEDICARE SEC-  
22 ONDARY PAYER SITUATIONS.—

23 (1) SURVEY OF BENEFICIARIES.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1862(b)(5) (42  
2 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(5)) is amended by adding at  
3 the end the following new subparagraph:

4 “(D) OBTAINING INFORMATION FROM  
5 BENEFICIARIES.—Before an individual applies  
6 for benefits under part A or enrolls under part  
7 B, the Administrator shall mail the individual a  
8 questionnaire to obtain information on whether  
9 the individual is covered under a primary plan  
10 and the nature of the coverage provided under  
11 the plan, including the name, address, and iden-  
12 tifying number of the plan.”.

13 (B) DISTRIBUTION OF QUESTIONNAIRE BY  
14 CONTRACTOR.—The Secretary of Health and  
15 Human Services shall enter into an agreement  
16 with an entity not later than 60 days after the  
17 date of enactment of the Social Security Act  
18 Amendments of 1994, to distribute the ques-  
19 tionnaire described in section 1862(b)(5)(D) of  
20 the Social Security Act (as added by subpara-  
21 graph (A)).

22 (C) NO MEDICARE SECONDARY PAYER DE-  
23 NIAL BASED ON FAILURE TO COMPLETE QUES-  
24 TIONNAIRE.—Section 1862(b)(2) (42 U.S.C.

1 1395y(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end  
2 the following new subparagraph:

3 “(C) TREATMENT OF QUESTIONNAIRES.—  
4 The Secretary may not fail to make payment  
5 under subparagraph (A) solely on the ground  
6 that an individual failed to complete a question-  
7 naire concerning the existence of a primary  
8 plan.”.

9 (2) MANDATORY SCREENING BY PROVIDERS  
10 AND SUPPLIERS UNDER PART B.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1862(b) (42  
12 U.S.C. 1395y(b)) is amended by adding at the  
13 end the following new paragraph:

14 “(6) SCREENING REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVID-  
15 ERS AND SUPPLIERS.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
17 other provision of this title, no payment may be  
18 made for any item or service furnished under  
19 part B unless the entity furnishing such item or  
20 service completes (to the best of its knowledge  
21 and on the basis of information obtained from  
22 the individual to whom the item or service is  
23 furnished) the portion of the claim form relat-  
24 ing to the availability of other health benefit  
25 plans.

1           “(B) PENALTIES.—An entity that know-  
2           ingly, willfully, and repeatedly fails to complete  
3           a claim form in accordance with subparagraph  
4           (A) or provides inaccurate information relating  
5           to the availability of other health benefit plans  
6           on a claim form under such subparagraph shall  
7           be subject to a civil money penalty of not to ex-  
8           ceed \$2,000 for each such incident. The provi-  
9           sions of section 1128A (other than subsections  
10          (a) and (b)) shall apply to a civil money penalty  
11          under the previous sentence in the same man-  
12          ner as such provisions apply to a penalty or  
13          proceeding under section 1128A(a).”.

14           (B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment  
15          made by subparagraph (A) shall apply with re-  
16          spect to items and services furnished on or  
17          after the expiration of the 120-day period be-  
18          ginning on the date of enactment of this Act.

19          (b) IMPROVEMENTS IN RECOVERY OF PAYMENTS  
20 FROM PRIMARY PAYERS.—

21           (1) SUBMISSION OF REPORTS ON EFFORTS TO  
22 RECOVER ERRONEOUS PAYMENTS.—

23           (A) FISCAL INTERMEDIARIES UNDER PART  
24 A.—Section 1816 (42 U.S.C. 1396h) is amend-

1           ed by adding at the end the following new sub-  
2           section:

3           “(k) An agreement with an agency or organization  
4 under this section shall require that such agency or orga-  
5 nization submit an annual report to the Secretary describ-  
6 ing the steps taken to recover payments made for items  
7 or services for which payment has been or could be made  
8 under a primary plan (as defined in section  
9 1862(b)(2)(A)).”.

10                   (B) CARRIERS UNDER PART B.—Section  
11           1842(b)(3) (42 U.S.C. 1395u(b)(3)) is amend-  
12           ed—

13                   (i) by striking “and” at the end of  
14           subparagraph (G);

15                   (ii) by striking “and” at the end of  
16           subparagraph (H); and

17                   (iii) by inserting after subparagraph  
18           (H) the following new subparagraph:

19           “(I) will submit annual reports to the Secretary  
20 describing the steps taken to recover payments made  
21 under this part for items or services for which pay-  
22 ment has been or could be made under a primary  
23 plan (as defined in section 1862(b)(2)(A)); and”.

24                   (2) REQUIREMENTS UNDER CARRIER PERFORM-  
25           ANCE EVALUATION PROGRAM.—

1 (A) FISCAL INTERMEDIARIES UNDER PART  
2 A.—Section 1816(f)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C.  
3 1396h(f)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “proc-  
4 essing” and inserting “processing (including the  
5 agency’s or organization’s success in recovering  
6 payments made under this title for services for  
7 which payment has been or could be made  
8 under a primary plan (as defined in section  
9 1862(b)(2)(A))”.

10 (B) CARRIERS UNDER PART B.—Section  
11 1842(b)(2) (42 U.S.C. 1395u(b)(2)) is amended  
12 by adding at the end the following new sub-  
13 paragraph:

14 “(D) In addition to any other standards and criteria  
15 established by the Secretary for evaluating carrier per-  
16 formance under this paragraph relating to avoiding erro-  
17 neous payments, the carrier shall be subject to standards  
18 and criteria relating to the carrier’s success in recovering  
19 payments made under this part for items or services for  
20 which payment has been or could be made under a pri-  
21 mary plan (as defined in section 1862(b)(2)(A)).”.

22 (3) DEADLINE FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY PRI-  
23 MARY PLANS.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—Section  
25 1862(b)(2)(B)(i) (42 U.S.C. 1395y(b)(2)(B)(i))

1 is amended by adding at the end the following  
2 sentence: “If reimbursement is not made to the  
3 appropriate Trust Fund before the expiration of  
4 the 60-day period that begins on the date such  
5 notice or other information is received, the Sec-  
6 retary may charge interest (beginning with the  
7 date on which the notice or other information  
8 is received) on the amount of the reimburse-  
9 ment until reimbursement is made (at a rate  
10 determined by the Secretary in accordance with  
11 regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury  
12 applicable to charges for late payments).”.

13 (B) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The  
14 heading of clause (i) of section 1862(b)(2)(B) is  
15 amended to read as follows: “REPAYMENT RE-  
16 QUIRED.—”.

17 (C) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments  
18 made by this paragraph shall apply to payments  
19 for items and services furnished on or after the  
20 date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
22 by paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply to contracts  
23 with fiscal intermediaries and carriers under title  
24 XVIII of the Social Security Act for contract years  
25 beginning with 1995.

1 (c) MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL CORREC-  
2 TIONS.—

3 (1) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
4 OBRA-1993, section 1862(b)(1)(A) (42 U.S.C.  
5 1395y(b)(1)(A)), as amended by section 13561(e)(1)  
6 of OBRA-1993, is amended—

7 (A) in clause (i)(II), by striking “over (and  
8 the individual’s spouse age 65 or older) who is  
9 covered under the plan by virtue of the individ-  
10 ual’s current employment status with an em-  
11 ployer” and inserting “older (and the spouse  
12 age 65 or older of any individual) who has cur-  
13 rent employment status with an employer”; and

14 (B) in clause (ii), by striking “or employee  
15 organization that has 20 or more individuals in  
16 current employment status” and inserting “that  
17 has 20 or more employees”.

18 (2) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
19 OBRA-1993, section 1837(i) (42 U.S.C. 1395p(i))  
20 is amended—

21 (A) by striking “as an active individual (as  
22 those terms are defined in section  
23 1862(b)(1)(B)(iv))” each place it appears in the  
24 second sentence of paragraph (1), and the sec-  
25 ond sentence of paragraph (2) and inserting

1 “(as that term is defined in section  
2 1862(b)(1)(B)(iv)) by reason of the individual’s  
3 current employment status (or the current em-  
4 ployment status of a family member of the indi-  
5 vidual)”;

6 (B) in paragraph (3)(B), by striking “as  
7 an active individual in a large group health plan  
8 (as such terms are defined in section  
9 1862(b)(1)(B)(iv))” and inserting “in a large  
10 group health plan (as that term is defined in  
11 section 1862(b)(1)(B)(iv)) by reason of the in-  
12 dividual’s current employment status (or the  
13 current employment status of a family member  
14 of the individual)”;

15 (C) in the second sentence of paragraph  
16 (2) (as amended by subparagraph (A)), by  
17 striking “as an active individual” and inserting  
18 “by reason of the individual’s current employ-  
19 ment status (or the current employment status  
20 of a family member of the individual)”;

21 (D) by inserting “status” after “current  
22 employment” each place it appears in para-  
23 graphs (1)(A), (2)(B), (2)(C), and (3)(A).

1           (3) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
2           OBRA–1993, the second sentence of section 1839(b)  
3           (42 U.S.C. 1395r(b)) is amended—

4                   (A) by inserting “status” after “current  
5                   employment”, and

6                   (B) by striking “as an active individual (as  
7                   those terms are defined in section  
8                   1862(b)(1)(B)(iv))” and inserting “(as that  
9                   term is defined in section 1862(b)(1)(B)(iv)) by  
10                   reason of the individual’s current employment  
11                   status (or the current employment status of a  
12                   family member of the individual)”.

13           (4) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
14           OBRA–1990, the sentence in section 1862(b)(1)(C)  
15           added by section 4203(c)(1)(B) of OBRA–1990 is  
16           amended by striking “clauses (i) and (ii)” and in-  
17           serting “this subparagraph”.

18           (5) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
19           OBRA–1989, section 1862(b)(1)(C) is amended in  
20           the matter after clause (ii), by striking “taking into  
21           account that” and inserting “paying benefits second-  
22           ary to this title when”.

23           (6) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
24           OBRA–1989, section 1862(b)(5)(C)(i) (42 U.S.C.  
25           1395y(b)(5)(C)(i)) is amended by striking

1 “6103(l)(12)(D)(iii)” and inserting  
2 “6103(l)(12)(E)(iii)”.

3 (7) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
4 OBRA–1990, section 4203(c)(2) of such Act is  
5 amended—

6 (A) by striking “the application of clause  
7 (iii)” and inserting “the second sentence”;

8 (B) by striking “on individuals” and all  
9 that follows through “section 226A of such  
10 Act”;

11 (C) in clause (ii), by striking “clause” and  
12 inserting “sentence”;

13 (D) in clause (v), by adding “and” at the  
14 end; and

15 (E) in clause (vi)—

16 (i) by inserting “of such Act” after  
17 “1862(b)(1)(C)”, and

18 (ii) by striking the period at the end  
19 and inserting the following: “, without re-  
20 gard to the number of employees covered  
21 by such plans.”.

22 (8) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
23 OBRA–1990, section 4203(d) of OBRA–1990 is  
24 amended by striking “this subsection” and inserting  
25 “this section”.

1           (9) Effective as if included in the enactment of  
2           OBRA-1993, section 13561(e)(1)(D) of OBRA-  
3           1993 is amended—

4                   (A) by inserting “effective as if included in  
5           the enactment of OBRA-1989,” after “(D)”,  
6           and

7                   (B) by striking “of each subparagraph”.

8           (10) The amendment made by section  
9           13561(e)(1)(G) of OBRA-1993, to the extent it re-  
10          lates to the definition of large group health plan,  
11          shall be effective as if included in the enactment of  
12          OBRA-1989.

13 **SEC. 152. PHYSICIAN OWNERSHIP AND REFERRAL.**

14          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1877(f) (42 U.S.C.  
15          1395nn) is amended—

16                   (1) in the matter before paragraph (1), by in-  
17          serting “, investment, and compensation” after  
18          “ownership”;

19                   (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, or with a  
20          compensation arrangement (as described in sub-  
21          section (a)(2)(B)),” after “investment interest (as  
22          described in subsection (a)(2)(A))”;

23                   (3) in paragraph (2), by inserting “interest or  
24          who have such a compensation relationship with the  
25          entity” before the period at the end;

1           (4) in the fourth sentence, by striking “covered  
2 items and” and inserting “designated health”; and

3           (5) by striking the third and fifth sentences.

4           (b) RADIOLOGY SERVICES.—Section 1877(h)(6) (42  
5 U.S.C. 1395nn(h)(6)), as amended by section 13562(a)(2)  
6 of OBRA–1993, is amended—

7           (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or other  
8 diagnostic services” and inserting “services, includ-  
9 ing magnetic resonance imaging, computerized axial  
10 tomography scans, and ultrasound services”; and

11           (2) in subparagraphs (E), (F), and (H), by in-  
12 serting “and supplies” before the period at the end.

13           (c) REVISION OF EFFECTIVE DATE EXCEPTION PRO-  
14 VISION.—Section 13562(b)(2) of OBRA–1993 is amended  
15 by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B) and inserting the  
16 following:

17           “(A) the second sentence of subsection  
18 (a)(2), and subsections (b)(2)(B) and (d)(2), of  
19 section 1877 of the Social Security Act (as in  
20 effect on the day before the date of the enact-  
21 ment of this Act) shall apply instead of the cor-  
22 responding provisions in section 1877 (as  
23 amended by this Act);

1           “(B) section 1877(b)(4) of the Social Se-  
2           curity Act (as in effect on the day before the  
3           date of the enactment of this Act) shall apply;

4           “(C) the requirements of section  
5           1877(c)(2) of the Social Security Act (as  
6           amended by this Act) shall not apply to any se-  
7           curities of a corporation that meets the require-  
8           ments of section 1877(c)(2) of the Social Secu-  
9           rity Act (as in effect on the day before the date  
10          of the enactment of this Act);

11          “(D) section 1877(e)(3) of the Social Secu-  
12          rity Act (as amended by this Act) shall apply,  
13          except that it shall not apply to any arrange-  
14          ment that meets the requirements of subsection  
15          (e)(2) or subsection (e)(3) of section 1877 of  
16          the Social Security Act (as in effect on the day  
17          before the date of the enactment of this Act);

18          “(E) the requirements of clauses (iv) and  
19          (v) of section 1877(h)(4)(A), and of clause (i)  
20          of section 1877(h)(4)(B), of the Social Security  
21          Act (as amended by this Act) shall not apply;  
22          and

23          “(F) section 1877(h)(4)(B) of the Social  
24          Security Act (as in effect on the day before the  
25          date of the enactment of this Act) shall apply

1           instead of section 1877(h)(4)(A)(ii) of such Act  
2           (as amended by this Act).”.

3           (d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

4           (1) The amendments made by subsections (a)  
5           and (b) shall apply to referrals made on or after  
6           January 1, 1995.

7           (2) The amendment made by subsection (c)  
8           shall apply as if included in the enactment of  
9           OBRA-1993.

10 **SEC. 153. DEFINITION OF FMGEMS EXAMINATION FOR PAY-**  
11 **MENT OF DIRECT GRADUATE MEDICAL EDU-**  
12 **CATION.**

13           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1886(h)(5)(E) (42 U.S.C.  
14 1395ww(h)(5)(E)) is amended by inserting “or any suc-  
15 cessor examination” after “Medical Sciences”.

16           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
17 subsection (a) shall apply as if included in the enactment  
18 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act  
19 of 1985 (Public Law 99-272).

20 **SEC. 154. QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARY OUTREACH.**

21           Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment  
22 of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
23 shall establish and implement a method for obtaining in-  
24 formation from newly eligible medicare beneficiaries that  
25 may be used to determine whether such beneficiaries may

1 be eligible for medical assistance for medicare cost-sharing  
2 under State medicaid plans as qualified medicare bene-  
3 ficiaries, and for transmitting such information to the  
4 State in which such a beneficiary resides.

5 **SEC. 155. HOSPITAL AGREEMENTS WITH ORGAN PROCURE-**  
6 **MENT ORGANIZATIONS.**

7 (a) HOSPITAL AGREEMENTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—

9 (A) IDENTIFICATION OF ORGAN DO-  
10 NORS.—Section 1138(a)(1)(A)(iii) (42 U.S.C.  
11 1320b–8(a)(1)(A)(iii)) is amended to read as  
12 follows:

13 “(iii) require that such hospital’s des-  
14 ignated organ procurement agency (as defined  
15 in paragraph (3)(B)) is notified of potential  
16 organ donors;”.

17 (B) AGREEMENTS WITH DESIGNATED  
18 ORGAN PROCUREMENT AGENCIES.—Section  
19 1138(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 1320b–8(a)(1)) is  
20 amended—

21 (i) by striking the period at the end of  
22 subparagraph (B) and inserting “; and”;  
23 and

24 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
25 new subparagraph:

1           “(C) the hospital or rural primary care hospital  
2           has an agreement (as defined in paragraph (3)(A))  
3           only with such hospital’s designated organ procure-  
4           ment agency.”.

5                   (C) WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS RELATED  
6           TO AGREEMENTS.—Section 1138(a) (42 U.S.C.  
7           1320b–8(a)) is amended—

8                   (i) by redesignating paragraph (2) as  
9                   paragraph (3); and

10                   (ii) by inserting after paragraph (1)  
11                   the following new paragraph:

12           “(2)(A) The Secretary shall grant a waiver of the re-  
13           quirements under subparagraphs (A)(iii) and (C) of para-  
14           graph (1) to a hospital or rural primary care hospital de-  
15           siring to enter into an agreement with an organ procure-  
16           ment agency other than such hospital’s designated organ  
17           procurement agency if the Secretary determines that—

18                   “(i) the waiver is expected to increase organ do-  
19                   nation; and

20                   “(ii) the waiver will assure equitable treatment  
21                   of patients referred for transplants within the serv-  
22                   ice area served by such hospital’s designated organ  
23                   procurement agency and within the service area  
24                   served by the organ procurement agency with which

1 the hospital seeks to enter into an agreement under  
2 the waiver.

3 “(B) In making a determination under subparagraph  
4 (A), the Secretary may consider factors that would in-  
5 clude, but not be limited to—

6 “(i) cost effectiveness;

7 “(ii) improvements in quality;

8 “(iii) whether there has been any change in a  
9 hospital’s designated organ procurement agency due  
10 to a change made on or after December 28, 1992,  
11 in the definitions for metropolitan statistical areas  
12 (as established by the Office of Management and  
13 Budget); and

14 “(iv) the length and continuity of a hospital’s  
15 relationship with an organ procurement agency other  
16 than the hospital’s designated organ procurement  
17 agency;

18 except that nothing in this subparagraph shall be con-  
19 strued to permit the Secretary to grant a waiver that does  
20 not meet the requirements of subparagraph (A).

21 “(C) Any hospital or rural primary care hospital  
22 seeking a waiver under subparagraph (A) shall submit an  
23 application to the Secretary containing such information  
24 as the Secretary determines appropriate.

25 “(D) The Secretary shall—

1           “(i) publish a public notice of any waiver appli-  
2           cation received from a hospital or rural primary care  
3           hospital under this paragraph within 30 days of re-  
4           ceiving such application; and

5           “(ii) prior to making a final determination on  
6           such application under subparagraph (A), offer in-  
7           terested parties the opportunity to submit written  
8           comments to the Secretary during the 60-day period  
9           beginning on the date such notice is published.”.

10           (D) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1138(a)(3)  
11           (42 U.S.C. 1320b–8(a)(3)), as redesignated by  
12           subparagraph (C), is amended to read as fol-  
13           lows:

14           “(3) For purposes of this subsection—

15           “(A) the term ‘agreement’ means an agreement  
16           described in section 371(b)(3)(A) of the Public  
17           Health Service Act;

18           “(B) the term ‘designated organ procurement  
19           agency’ means, with respect to a hospital or rural  
20           primary care hospital, the organ procurement agency  
21           designated pursuant to subsection (b) for the service  
22           area in which such hospital is located; and

23           “(C) the term ‘organ’ means a human kidney,  
24           liver, heart, lung, pancreas, and any other human

1 organ or tissue specified by the Secretary for pur-  
2 poses of this subsection.”.

3 (2) EXISTING AGREEMENTS.—Any hospital or  
4 rural primary care hospital which has an agreement  
5 (as defined in section 1138(a)(3)(A) of the Social  
6 Security Act) with an organ procurement agency  
7 other than such hospital’s designated organ procure-  
8 ment agency (as defined in section 1138(a)(3)(B) of  
9 such Act) on the date of the enactment of this sec-  
10 tion shall, if such hospital desires to continue such  
11 agreement on and after the effective date of the  
12 amendments made by paragraph (1), submit an ap-  
13 plication to the Secretary for a waiver under section  
14 1138(a)(2) of such Act not later than January 1,  
15 1996, and such agreement may continue in effect  
16 pending the Secretary’s determination with respect  
17 to such application.

18 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
19 by paragraph (1) shall apply to hospitals and rural  
20 primary care hospitals participating in the programs  
21 under titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security  
22 Act beginning January 1, 1996.

23 (b) STUDY ON HOSPITAL AGREEMENTS WITH ORGAN  
24 PROCUREMENT AGENCIES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Office of Technology  
2           Assessment (referred to in this section as the  
3           “OTA”) shall, pursuant to the approval of the Tech-  
4           nology Assessment Board of the OTA, conduct a  
5           study to determine the efficacy and fairness of re-  
6           quiring a hospital to enter into an agreement under  
7           section 371(b)(3)(A) of the Public Health Service  
8           Act with the organ procurement agency designated  
9           pursuant to section 1138(b) of the Social Security  
10          Act for the service area in which such hospital is lo-  
11          cated and the impact of such requirement on the ef-  
12          ficacy and fairness of organ procurement and dis-  
13          tribution.

14          (2) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the  
15          date of the enactment of this Act, the OTA shall  
16          complete the study required under paragraph (1)  
17          and prepare and submit to the Committee on Fi-  
18          nance and the Committee on Labor and Human Re-  
19          sources of the Senate and the Committee on Ways  
20          and Means and the Committee on Energy and Com-  
21          merce of the House of Representatives a report con-  
22          taining the findings of such study and the implica-  
23          tions of such findings with respect to policies affect-  
24          ing organ procurement and distribution.

1 **SEC. 156. PEER REVIEW ORGANIZATIONS.**

2 (a) REPEAL OF PRO PRECERTIFICATION REQUIRE-  
3 MENT FOR CERTAIN SURGICAL PROCEDURES.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1164 (42 U.S.C.  
5 1320c–13) is repealed.

6 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7 (A) Section 1154 (42 U.S.C. 1320c–3) is  
8 amended—

9 (i) in subsection (a), by striking para-  
10 graph (12), and

11 (ii) in subsection (d), by striking  
12 “(and except as provided in section  
13 1164)”.

14 (B) Section 1833 (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is  
15 amended—

16 (i) in subsection (a)(1)(D)(i), by strik-  
17 ing “, or for tests furnished in connection  
18 with obtaining a second opinion required  
19 under section 1164(c)(2) (or a third opin-  
20 ion, if the second opinion was in disagree-  
21 ment with the first opinion)”;

22 (ii) in subsection (a)(1), by striking  
23 subparagraph (G);

24 (iii) in subsection (a)(2)(A), by strik-  
25 ing “, to items and services (other than  
26 clinical diagnostic laboratory tests) fur-

1 nished in connection with obtaining a sec-  
2 ond opinion required under section  
3 1164(c)(2) (or a third opinion, if the sec-  
4 ond opinion was in disagreement with the  
5 first opinion),”;

6 (iv) in subsection (a)(2)(D)(i)—

7 (I) by striking “basis,” and in-  
8 serting “basis or”, and

9 (II) by striking “, or for tests  
10 furnished in connection with obtaining  
11 a second opinion required under sec-  
12 tion 1164(c)(2) (or a third opinion, if  
13 the second opinion was in disagree-  
14 ment with the first opinion)”;

15 (v) in subsection (a)(3), by striking  
16 “and for items and services furnished in  
17 connection with obtaining a second opinion  
18 required under section 1164(c)(2), or a  
19 third opinion, if the second opinion was in  
20 disagreement with the first opinion”; and

21 (vi) in the first sentence of subsection  
22 (b), by striking “(4)” and all that follows  
23 through “and (5)” and inserting “and  
24 (4)”.

1 (C) Section 1834(g)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C.  
2 1395m(g)(1)(B)) is amended by striking “and  
3 for items and services furnished in connection  
4 with obtaining a second opinion required under  
5 section 1164(c)(2), or a third opinion, if the  
6 second opinion was in disagreement with the  
7 first opinion”.

8 (D) Section 1862(a) (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a))  
9 is amended—

10 (i) by adding “or” at the end of para-  
11 graph (14),

12 (ii) by striking “; or” at the end of  
13 paragraph (15) and inserting a period, and

14 (iii) by striking paragraph (16).

15 (E) The third sentence of section  
16 1866(a)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 1395w(a)(2)(A)) is  
17 amended by striking “, with respect to items  
18 and services furnished in connection with ob-  
19 taining a second opinion required under section  
20 1164(c)(2) (or a third opinion, if the second  
21 opinion was in disagreement with the first opin-  
22 ion),”.

23 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
24 by this subsection shall apply to services provided on  
25 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (b) MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL CORREC-  
2 TIONS.—(1) The third sentence of section 1156(b)(1) (42  
3 U.S.C. 1320c-5(b)(1)) is amended by striking “whehter”  
4 and inserting “whether”.

5 (2)(A) Section 1154(a)(9)(B) (42 U.S.C. 1320c-  
6 3(a)(9)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(B) If the organization finds, after reasonable  
8 notice to and opportunity for discussion with the  
9 physician or practitioner concerned, that the physi-  
10 cian or practitioner has furnished services in viola-  
11 tion of section 1156(a) and the organization deter-  
12 mines that the physician or practitioner should enter  
13 into a corrective action plan under section  
14 1156(b)(1), the organization shall notify the State  
15 board or boards responsible for the licensing or dis-  
16 ciplining of the physician or practitioner of its find-  
17 ing and of any action taken as a result of the find-  
18 ing.”.

19 (B) Subparagraph (D) of section 1160(b)(1) (42  
20 U.S.C. 1320c-9(b)(1)) is amended to read as follows:

21 “(D) to provide notice in accordance with  
22 section 1154(a)(9)(B);”.

23 (3) Section 4205(d)(2)(B) of OBRA-1990 is amend-  
24 ed by striking “amendments” and inserting “amend-  
25 ment”.

1 (4) Section 1160(d) (42 U.S.C. 1320c-9(d)) is  
2 amended by striking “subpena” and inserting “subpoena”.

3 (5) Section 4205(e)(2) of OBRA-1990 is amended  
4 by striking “amendments” and inserting “amendment”  
5 and by striking “all”.

6 (6)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the  
7 amendments made by this subsection shall take effect as  
8 if included in the enactment of OBRA-1990.

9 (B) The amendments made by paragraph (2) (relat-  
10 ing to the requirement on reporting of information to  
11 State boards) shall take effect on the date of the enact-  
12 ment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 157. HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.**

14 (a) REVISIONS IN THE PAYMENT METHODOLOGY  
15 FOR RISK CONTRACTORS.—Section 4204(b) of OBRA-  
16 1990 is amended to read as follows:

17 “(b) REVISIONS IN THE PAYMENT METHODOLOGY  
18 FOR RISK CONTRACTORS.—(1)(A) Not later than October  
19 1, 1995, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (in  
20 this subsection referred to as the ‘Secretary’) shall submit  
21 a proposal to the Congress that provides for revisions to  
22 the payment method to be applied in years beginning with  
23 1997 for organizations with a risk-sharing contract under  
24 section 1876(g) of the Social Security Act.

1 “(B) In proposing the revisions required under sub-  
2 paragraph (A), the Secretary shall consider—

3 “(i) the difference in costs associated with med-  
4 icare beneficiaries with differing health status and  
5 demographic characteristics; and

6 “(ii) the effects of using alternative geographic  
7 classifications on the determinations of costs associ-  
8 ated with beneficiaries residing in different areas.

9 “(2) Not later than 3 months after the date of sub-  
10 mittal of the proposal under paragraph (1), the Comptrol-  
11 ler General shall review the proposal and shall report to  
12 Congress on the appropriateness of the proposed modifica-  
13 tions.”.

14 (b) MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL CORREC-  
15 TIONS.—(1) Section 1876(a)(3) (42 U.S.C.  
16 1395mm(a)(3)) is amended by striking “subsection  
17 (c)(7)” and inserting “subsections (c)(2)(B)(ii) and  
18 (c)(7)”.

19 (2) Section 4204(c)(3) of OBRA–1990 is amended  
20 by striking “for 1991” and inserting “for years beginning  
21 with 1991”.

22 (3) Section 4204(d)(2) of OBRA–1990 is amended  
23 by striking “amendment” and inserting “amendments”.

1       (4) Section 1876(a)(1)(E)(ii)(I) (42 U.S.C.  
2 1395mm(a)(1)(E)(ii)(I)) is amended by striking the  
3 comma after “contributed to”.

4       (5) Section 4204(e)(2) of OBRA–1990 is amended  
5 by striking “(which has a risk-sharing contract under sec-  
6 tion 1876 of the Social Security Act)”.

7       (6) Section 4204(f)(4) of OBRA–1990 is amended by  
8 striking “final”.

9       (7) Section 1862(b)(3)(C) (42 U.S.C.  
10 1395y(b)(3)(C)) is amended—

11           (A) in the heading, by striking “PLAN” and in-  
12 sserting “PLAN OR A LARGE GROUP HEALTH PLAN”;

13           (B) by striking “group health plan” and insert-  
14 ing “group health plan or a large group health  
15 plan”;

16           (C) by striking “, unless such incentive is also  
17 offered to all individuals who are eligible for cov-  
18 erage under the plan”; and

19           (D) by striking “the first sentence of subsection  
20 (a) and other than subsection (b)” and inserting  
21 “subsections (a) and (b)”.

22       (8) The amendments made by this subsection shall  
23 take effect as if included in the enactment of OBRA–1990.

1 **SEC. 158. HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.**

2 (a) USE OF MOST CURRENT DATA IN DETERMINING  
3 WAGE INDEX.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(v)(1)(L)(iii)  
5 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)(iii)) is amended by strik-  
6 ing “as of such date to” and inserting “and deter-  
7 mined using the survey of the most recent available  
8 wages and wage-related costs of”.

9 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
10 by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to cost re-  
11 porting periods beginning on or after July 1, 1996.

12 (b) CLARIFICATION OF EXTENSION OF WAIVER OF  
13 LIABILITY.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The second sentence of sec-  
15 tion 9205 of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Rec-  
16 onciliation Act of 1985 is amended by striking “No-  
17 vember 1, 1990” and inserting “December 31,  
18 1995”.

19 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
20 by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if included in  
21 the enactment of OBRA-1990.

22 **SEC. 159. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO CON-**  
23 **TRACT WITH FISCAL INTERMEDIARIES AND**  
24 **CARRIERS ON OTHER THAN A COST BASIS.**

25 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2326(a) of the Deficit Re-  
26 duction Act of 1984, as amended by section 6215 of

1 OBRA–1989, is amended in the third sentence by striking  
2 “during such period” and inserting “beginning with fiscal  
3 year 1990 and any subsequent fiscal year”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
5 subsection (a) shall apply beginning with fiscal year 1994.

6 **SEC. 160. MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

7 (a) SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—

8 (1) Section 1864 (42 U.S.C. 1395aa) is amended—

9 (A) in subsection (e), by striking “title” and in-  
10 sserting “title (other than any fee relating to section  
11 353 of the Public Health Service Act)”; and

12 (B) in the first sentence of subsection (a), by  
13 striking “1861(s) or” and all that follows through  
14 “Service Act,” and inserting “1861(s),”.

15 (2) An agreement made by the Secretary of Health  
16 and Human Services with a State under section 1864(a)  
17 of the Social Security Act may include an agreement that  
18 the services of the State health agency or other appro-  
19 priate State agency (or the appropriate local agencies) will  
20 be utilized by the Secretary for the purpose of determining  
21 whether a laboratory meets the requirements of section  
22 353 of the Public Health Service Act.

23 (b) HOME DIALYSIS DEMONSTRATION TECHNICAL  
24 CORRECTIONS.—Section 4202 of OBRA–1990 is amend-  
25 ed—

1           (1) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking “home  
2           hemodialysis staff assistant” and inserting “quali-  
3           fied home hemodialysis staff assistant (as described  
4           in subsection (d))”;

5           (2) in subsection (b)(2)(B)(ii)(I), by striking  
6           “(as adjusted to reflect differences in area wage  
7           levels)”;

8           (3) in subsection (c)(1)(A), by striking  
9           “skilled”; and

10          (4) in subsection (c)(1)(E), by striking “(b)(4)”  
11          and inserting “(b)(2)”.

12          (c) TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO REVISIONS OF COV-  
13 ERAGE FOR IMMUNOSUPPRESSIVE DRUG THERAPY.—The  
14 Secretary of Health and Human Services may administer  
15 section 1861(s)(2)(J) of the Social Security Act (42  
16 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)(J)) in a manner such that the months  
17 of coverage of drugs described in such section are provided  
18 consecutively, so long as the total number of months of  
19 coverage provided is the same as the number of months  
20 described in such section.

21          (d) OTHER MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL PRO-  
22 VISIONS.—(1) Section 1833 (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended  
23 by redesignating the subsection (r) added by section  
24 4206(b)(2) of OBRA–1990 as subsection (s).

1           (2) Section 1866(f)(1) (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(f)(1)) is  
2 amended by striking “1833(r)” and inserting “1833(s)”.

3           (3) Section 4201(d)(2) of OBRA-1990 is amended  
4 by striking “(B) by striking”, “(C) by striking”, and “(3)  
5 by adding” and inserting “(i) by striking”, “(ii) by strik-  
6 ing”, and “(B) by adding”, respectively.

7           (4) The section following section 4206 of OBRA-  
8 1990 is amended by striking “SEC. 4027.” and inserting  
9 “SEC. 4207.”, and in this subtitle is referred to as section  
10 4207 of OBRA-1990.

11          (5)(A) Section 4207(a)(1) of OBRA-1990 is amend-  
12 ed by adding closing quotation marks and a period after  
13 “such review.”.

14          (B) Section 4207(a)(4) of OBRA-1990 is amended  
15 by striking “this subsection” and inserting “paragraphs  
16 (2) and (3)”.

17          (C) Section 4207(b)(1) of OBRA-1990 is amended  
18 by striking “section 3(7)” and inserting “section  
19 601(a)(1)”.

20          (6) Section 2355(b)(1)(B) of the Deficit Reduction  
21 Act of 1984, as amended by section 4207(b)(4)(B)(ii) of  
22 OBRA-1990, is amended—

23                 (A) by striking “12907(c)(4)(A)” and inserting  
24                 “4207(b)(4)(B)(i)”, and

1 (B) by striking “feasibilitly” and inserting “fea-  
2 sibility”.

3 (7) Section 4207(b)(4)(B)(iii)(III) of OBRA–1990 is  
4 amended by striking the period at the end and inserting  
5 a semicolon.

6 (8) Subsections (c)(3) and (e) of section 2355 of the  
7 Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, as amended by section  
8 4207(b)(4)(B) of OBRA–1990, are each amended by  
9 striking “12907(c)(4)(A)” each place it appears and in-  
10 serting “4207(b)(4)(B)”.

11 (9) Section 4207(c)(2) of OBRA–1990 is amended  
12 by striking “the Committee on Ways and Means” each  
13 place it appears and inserting “the Committees on Ways  
14 and Means and Energy and Commerce”.

15 (10) Section 4207(d) of OBRA–1990 is amended by  
16 redesignating the second paragraph (3) (relating to effec-  
17 tive date) as paragraph (4).

18 (11) Section 4207(i)(2) of OBRA–1990 is amend-  
19 ed—

20 (A) by striking the period at the end of clause  
21 (iii) and inserting a semicolon, and

22 (B) in clause (v), by striking “residents” and  
23 inserting “patients”.

1 (12) Section 4207(j) of OBRA–1990 is amended by  
2 striking “title” each place it appears and inserting “sub-  
3 title”.

4 **Subtitle D—Provisions Relating to**  
5 **Medicare Supplemental Insur-**  
6 **ance Policies**

7 **SEC. 171. STANDARDS FOR MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL IN-**  
8 **SURANCE POLICIES.**

9 (a) SIMPLIFICATION OF MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTAL  
10 POLICIES.—

11 (1) Section 4351 of OBRA–1990 is amended by  
12 striking “(a) IN GENERAL.—”.

13 (2) Section 1882(p) (42 U.S.C. 1395ss(p)) is  
14 amended—

15 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)—

16 (i) by striking “promulgates” and in-  
17 sserting “changes the revised NAIC Model  
18 Regulation (described in subsection (m)) to  
19 incorporate”,

20 (ii) by striking “(such limitations, lan-  
21 guage, definitions, format, and standards  
22 referred to collectively in this subsection as  
23 ‘NAIC standards’),”, and

24 (iii) by striking “included a reference  
25 to the NAIC standards” and inserting

1 “were a reference to the revised NAIC  
2 Model Regulation as changed under this  
3 subparagraph (such changed regulation re-  
4 ferred to in this section as the ‘1991 NAIC  
5 Model Regulation’);

6 (B) in paragraph (1)(B)—

7 (i) by striking “promulgate NAIC  
8 standards” and inserting “make the  
9 changes in the revised NAIC Model Regu-  
10 lation”,

11 (ii) by striking “limitations, language,  
12 definitions, format, and standards de-  
13 scribed in clauses (i) through (iv) of such  
14 subparagraph (in this subsection referred  
15 to collectively as ‘Federal standards’)” and  
16 inserting “a regulation”, and

17 (iii) by striking “included a reference  
18 to the Federal standards” and inserting  
19 “were a reference to the revised NAIC  
20 Model Regulation as changed by the Sec-  
21 retary under this subparagraph (such  
22 changed regulation referred to in this sec-  
23 tion as the ‘1991 Federal Regulation’)”;

24 (C) in paragraph (1)(C)(i), by striking  
25 “NAIC standards or the Federal standards”

1 and inserting “1991 NAIC Model Regulation or  
2 1991 Federal Regulation”;

3 (D) in paragraphs (1)(C)(ii)(I), (1)(E),  
4 (2), and (9)(B), by striking “NAIC or Federal  
5 standards” and inserting “1991 NAIC Model  
6 Regulation or 1991 Federal Regulation”;

7 (E) in paragraph (2)(C), by striking  
8 “(5)(B)” and inserting “(4)(B)”;

9 (F) in paragraph (4)(A)(i), by inserting  
10 “or paragraph (6)” after “(B)”;

11 (G) in paragraph (4), by striking “applica-  
12 ble standards” each place it appears and insert-  
13 ing “applicable 1991 NAIC Model Regulation  
14 or 1991 Federal Regulation”;

15 (H) in paragraph (6), by striking “in re-  
16 gard to the limitation of benefits described in  
17 paragraph (4)” and inserting “described in  
18 clauses (i) through (iii) of paragraph (1)(A)”;

19 (I) in paragraph (7), by striking “policy-  
20 holder” and inserting “policyholders”;

21 (J) in paragraph (8), by striking “after the  
22 effective date of the NAIC or Federal standards  
23 with respect to the policy, in violation of the  
24 previous requirements of this subsection” and  
25 inserting “on and after the effective date speci-

1           fied in paragraph (1)(C) (but subject to para-  
2           graph (10)), in violation of the applicable 1991  
3           NAIC Model Regulation or 1991 Federal Regu-  
4           lation insofar as such regulation relates to the  
5           requirements of subsection (o) or (q) or clause  
6           (i), (ii), or (iii) of paragraph (1)(A)’’;

7                   (K) in paragraph (9), by adding at the end  
8           the following new subparagraph:

9           “(D) Subject to paragraph (10), this paragraph shall  
10          apply to sales of policies occurring on or after the effective  
11          date specified in paragraph (1)(C).’’; and

12                   (L) in paragraph (10), by striking “this  
13          subsection’’ and inserting “paragraph  
14          (1)(A)(i)’’.

15          (b) GUARANTEED RENEWABILITY.—Section 1882(q)  
16          (42 U.S.C. 1395ss(q)) is amended—

17                   (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “paragraph  
18          (2)’’ and inserting “paragraph (4)’’, and

19                   (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “the succeed-  
20          ing issuer’’ and inserting “issuer of the replacement  
21          policy’’.

22          (c) ENFORCEMENT OF STANDARDS.—

23                   (1) Section 1882(a)(2) (42 U.S.C.  
24          1395ss(a)(2)) is amended—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
2 “NAIC standards or the Federal standards”  
3 and inserting “1991 NAIC Model Regulation or  
4 1991 Federal Regulation”, and

5 (B) by striking “after the effective date of  
6 the NAIC or Federal standards with respect to  
7 the policy” and inserting “on and after the ef-  
8 fective date specified in subsection (p)(1)(C)”.

9 (2) The sentence in section 1882(b)(1) added  
10 by section 4353(c)(5) of OBRA-1990 is amended—

11 (A) by striking “The report” and inserting  
12 “Each report”,

13 (B) by inserting “and requirements” after  
14 “standards”,

15 (C) by striking “and” after “compliance,”,  
16 and

17 (D) by striking the comma after “Commis-  
18 sioners”.

19 (3) Section 1882(g)(2)(B) (42 U.S.C.  
20 1395ss(g)(2)(B)) is amended by striking “Panel”  
21 and inserting “Secretary”.

22 (4) Section 1882(b)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
23 1395ss(b)(1)) is amended by striking “the the Sec-  
24 retary” and inserting “the Secretary”.

25 (d) PREVENTING DUPLICATION.—

1           (1) Section 1882(d)(3)(A) (42 U.S.C.  
2 1395ss(d)(3)(A)) is amended—

3           (A) by amending the first sentence to read  
4 as follows:

5           “(i) It is unlawful for a person to sell or issue to an  
6 individual entitled to benefits under part A or enrolled  
7 under part B of this title—

8           “(I) a health insurance policy with knowledge  
9 that the policy duplicates health benefits to which  
10 the individual is otherwise entitled under this title or  
11 title XIX,

12           “(II) a medicare supplemental policy with  
13 knowledge that the individual is entitled to benefits  
14 under another medicare supplemental policy, or

15           “(III) a health insurance policy (other than a  
16 medicare supplemental policy) with knowledge that  
17 the policy duplicates health benefits to which the in-  
18 dividual is otherwise entitled, other than benefits to  
19 which the individual is entitled under a requirement  
20 of State or Federal law.”;

21           (B) by designating the second sentence as  
22 clause (ii) and, in such clause, by striking “the  
23 previous sentence” and inserting “clause (i)”;

24           (C) by designating the third sentence as  
25 clause (iii) and, in such clause—

1 (i) by striking “the previous sentence”  
2 and inserting “clause (i) with respect to  
3 the sale of a medicare supplemental pol-  
4 icy”, and

5 (ii) by striking “and the statement”  
6 and all that follows up to the period at the  
7 end; and

8 (D) by striking the last sentence.

9 (2) Section 1882(d)(3)(B) (42 U.S.C.  
10 1395ss(d)(3)(B)) is amended—

11 (A) in clause (ii)(II), by striking “65 years  
12 of age or older”,

13 (B) in clause (iii)(I), by striking “another  
14 medicare” and inserting “a medicare”,

15 (C) in clause (iii)(I), by striking “such a  
16 policy” and inserting “a medicare supplemental  
17 policy”,

18 (D) in clause (iii)(II), by striking “another  
19 policy” and inserting “a medicare supplemental  
20 policy”, and

21 (E) by amending subclause (III) of clause  
22 (iii) to read as follows:

23 “(III) If the statement required by clause (i) is ob-  
24 tained and indicates that the individual is entitled to any  
25 medical assistance under title XIX, the sale of the policy

1 is not in violation of clause (i) (insofar as such clause re-  
2 lates to such medical assistance), if (aa) a State medicaid  
3 plan under such title pays the premiums for the policy,  
4 (bb) in the case of a qualified medicare beneficiary de-  
5 scribed in section 1905(p)(1), the policy provides for cov-  
6 erage of outpatient prescription drugs, or (cc) the only  
7 medical assistance to which the individual is entitled under  
8 the State plan is medicare cost sharing described in sec-  
9 tion 1905(p)(3)(A)(ii).”.

10 (3)(A) Section 1882(d)(3)(C) (42 U.S.C.  
11 1395ss(d)(3)(C)) is amended—

12 (i) by striking “the selling” and inserting  
13 “(i) the sale or issuance”, and

14 (ii) by inserting before the period at the  
15 end the following: “, (ii) the sale or issuance of  
16 a policy or plan described in subparagraph  
17 (A)(i)(I) (other than a medicare supplemental  
18 policy to an individual entitled to any medical  
19 assistance under title XIX) under which all the  
20 benefits are fully payable directly to or on be-  
21 half of the individual without regard to other  
22 health benefit coverage of the individual but  
23 only if (for policies sold or issued more than 60  
24 days after the date the statements are pub-  
25 lished or promulgated under subparagraph (D))

1           there is disclosed in a prominent manner as  
2           part of (or together with) the application the  
3           applicable statement (specified under subpara-  
4           graph (D)) of the extent to which benefits pay-  
5           able under the policy or plan duplicate benefits  
6           under this title, or (iii) the sale or issuance of  
7           a policy or plan described in subparagraph  
8           (A)(i)(III) under which all the benefits are fully  
9           payable directly to or on behalf of the individual  
10          without regard to other health benefit coverage  
11          of the individual”.

12          (B) Section 1882(d)(3) (42 U.S.C.  
13          1395ss(d)(3)) is amended by adding at the end the  
14          following:

15          “(D)(i) If—

16                 “(I) within the 90-day period beginning on the  
17                 date of the enactment of this subparagraph, the Na-  
18                 tional Association of Insurance Commissioners devel-  
19                 ops (after consultation with consumer and insurance  
20                 industry representatives) and submits to the Sec-  
21                 retary a statement for each of the types of health in-  
22                 surance policies (other than medicare supplemental  
23                 policies and including, but not limited to, as sepa-  
24                 rate types of policies, policies paying directly to the  
25                 beneficiary fixed, cash benefits, and policies that

1 limit benefit payments to specific diseases) which are  
2 sold or issued to persons entitled to health benefits  
3 under this title, of the extent to which benefits pay-  
4 able under the policy or plan duplicate benefits  
5 under this title, and

6 “(II) the Secretary approves all the statements  
7 submitted as meeting the requirements of subclause  
8 (I),

9 each such statement shall be (for purposes of subpara-  
10 graph (C)) the statement specified under this subpara-  
11 graph for the type of policy involved. The Secretary shall  
12 review and approve (or disapprove) all the statements sub-  
13 mitted under subclause (I) within 30 days after the date  
14 of their submittal. Upon approval of such statements, the  
15 Secretary shall publish such statements.

16 “(ii) If the Secretary does not approve the statements  
17 under clause (i) or the statements are not submitted with-  
18 in the 90-day period specified in such clause, the Secretary  
19 shall promulgate (after consultation with consumer and  
20 insurance industry representatives and not later than 90  
21 days after the date of disapproval or the end of such 90-  
22 day period (as the case may be)) a statement for each  
23 of the types of health insurance policies (other than medi-  
24 care supplemental policies and including, but not limited  
25 to, as separate types of policies, policies paying directly

1 to the beneficiary fixed, cash benefits, and policies that  
2 limit benefit payments to specific diseases) which are sold  
3 or issued to persons entitled to health benefits under this  
4 title, of the extent to which benefits payable under the pol-  
5 icy or plan duplicate benefits under this title, and each  
6 such statement shall be (for purposes of subparagraph  
7 (C)) the statement specified under this subparagraph for  
8 the type of policy involved.”.

9 (C) The requirement of a disclosure under sec-  
10 tion 1882(d)(3)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act  
11 shall not apply to an application made for a policy  
12 or plan before 60 days after the date the Secretary  
13 of Health and Human Services publishes or promul-  
14 gates all the statements under section  
15 1882(d)(3)(D) of such Act.

16 (4) Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section  
17 1882(q)(5) are amended by striking “of the Social  
18 Security Act”.

19 (e) LOSS RATIOS AND REFUNDS OF PREMIUMS.—

20 (1) Section 1882(r) (42 U.S.C. 1395ss(r)) is  
21 amended—

22 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “or sold”  
23 and inserting “or renewed (or otherwise provide  
24 coverage after the date described in subsection  
25 (p)(1)(C))”;

1 (B) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “for  
2 periods after the effective date of these provi-  
3 sions” after “the policy can be expected”;

4 (C) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking  
5 “Commissioners,” and inserting “Commis-  
6 sioners)”;

7 (D) in paragraph (1)(B), by inserting be-  
8 fore the period at the end the following: “,  
9 treating policies of the same type as a single  
10 policy for each standard package”;

11 (E) by adding at the end of paragraph (1)  
12 the following: “For the purpose of calculating  
13 the refund or credit required under paragraph  
14 (1)(B) for a policy issued before the date speci-  
15 fied in subsection (p)(1)(C), the refund or cred-  
16 it calculation shall be based on the aggregate  
17 benefits provided and premiums collected under  
18 all such policies issued by an insurer in a State  
19 (separated as to individual and group policies)  
20 and shall be based only on aggregate benefits  
21 provided and premiums collected under such  
22 policies after the date specified in section  
23 171(m)(4) of the Social Security Act Amend-  
24 ments of 1994.”;

1 (F) in the first sentence of paragraph  
2 (2)(A), by striking “by policy number” and in-  
3 serting “by standard package”;

4 (G) by striking the second sentence of  
5 paragraph (2)(A) and inserting the following:  
6 “Paragraph (1)(B) shall not apply to a policy  
7 until 12 months following issue.”;

8 (H) in the last sentence of paragraph  
9 (2)(A), by striking “in order” and all that fol-  
10 lows through “are effective”;

11 (I) by adding at the end of paragraph  
12 (2)(A), the following new sentence: “In the case  
13 of a policy issued before the date specified in  
14 subsection (p)(1)(C), paragraph (1)(B) shall  
15 not apply until 1 year after the date specified  
16 in section 171(m)(4) of the Social Security Act  
17 Amendments of 1994.”;

18 (J) in paragraph (2), by striking “policy  
19 year” each place it appears and inserting “cal-  
20 endar year”;

21 (K) in paragraph (4), by striking “Feb-  
22 ruary”, “disallowance”, “loss-ratios” each place  
23 it appears, and “loss-ratio” and inserting “Oc-  
24 tober”, “disallowance”, “loss ratios”, and “loss  
25 ratio”, respectively;

1 (L) in paragraph (6)(A), by striking “is-  
2 sues a policy in violation of the loss ratio re-  
3 quirements of this subsection” and “such viola-  
4 tion” and inserting “fails to provide refunds or  
5 credits as required in paragraph (1)(B)” and  
6 “policy issued for which such failure occurred”,  
7 respectively; and

8 (M) in paragraph (6)(B), by striking “to  
9 policyholders” and inserting “to the policy-  
10 holder or, in the case of a group policy, to the  
11 certificate holder”.

12 (2) Section 1882(b)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
13 1395ss(b)(1)) is amended, in the matter after sub-  
14 paragraph (H), by striking “subsection (F)” and in-  
15 serting “subparagraph (F)”.

16 (3) Section 4355(d) of OBRA-1990 is amended  
17 by striking “sold or issued” and all that follows and  
18 inserting “issued or renewed (or otherwise providing  
19 coverage after the date described in section  
20 1882(p)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act) on or after  
21 the date specified in section 1882(p)(1)(C) of the  
22 Social Security Act.”.

23 (f) TREATMENT OF HMO’S.—

24 (1) Section 1882(g)(1) (42 U.S.C.  
25 1395ss(g)(1)) is amended by striking “a health

1 maintenance organization or other direct service or-  
2 ganization” and all that follows through “1833” and  
3 inserting “an eligible organization (as defined in sec-  
4 tion 1876(b)) if the policy or plan provides benefits  
5 pursuant to a contract under section 1876 or an ap-  
6 proved demonstration project described in section  
7 603(c) of the Social Security Amendments of 1983,  
8 section 2355 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984,  
9 or section 9412(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-  
10 ation Act of 1986, or, during the period beginning  
11 on the date specified in subsection (p)(1)(C) and  
12 ending on December 31, 1995, a policy or plan of  
13 an organization if the policy or plan provides bene-  
14 fits pursuant to an agreement under section  
15 1833(a)(1)(A)”.

16 (2) Section 4356(b) of OBRA-1990 is amended  
17 by striking “on the date of the enactment of this  
18 Act” and inserting “on the date specified in section  
19 1882(p)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act”.

20 (g) PRE-EXISTING CONDITION LIMITATIONS.—Sec-  
21 tion 1882(s) (42 U.S.C. 1395ss(s)) is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “for which  
23 an application is submitted” and inserting “in the  
24 case of an individual for whom an application is sub-  
25 mitted prior to or”.

1           (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “in which  
2           the individual (who is 65 years of age or older) first  
3           is enrolled for benefits under part B” and inserting  
4           “as of the first day on which the individual is 65  
5           years of age or older and is enrolled for benefits  
6           under part B”, and

7           (3) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “before it”  
8           and inserting “before the policy”.

9           (h) MEDICARE SELECT POLICIES.—

10           (1) Section 1882(t) (42 U.S.C. 1395ss(t)) is  
11           amended—

12                   (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “medi-  
13                   care supplemental” after “If a”,

14                   (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “NAIC  
15                   Model Standards” and inserting “1991 NAIC  
16                   Model Regulation or 1991 Federal Regulation”,

17                   (C) in paragraph (1)(A), by inserting “or  
18                   agreements” after “contracts”,

19                   (D) in subparagraphs (E)(i) and (F) of  
20                   paragraph (1), by striking “NAIC standards”  
21                   and inserting “standards in the 1991 NAIC  
22                   Model Regulation or 1991 Federal Regulation”,  
23                   and

1 (E) in paragraph (2), by inserting “the is-  
2 suer” before “is subject to a civil money pen-  
3 alty”.

4 (2) Section 1154(a)(4)(B) (42 U.S.C. 1320c-  
5 3(a)(4)(B)) is amended—

6 (A) by inserting “that is” after “(or”, and

7 (B) by striking “1882(t)” and inserting  
8 “1882(t)(3)”.

9 (i) HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING.—Section  
10 4360 of OBRA-1990 is amended—

11 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A)(ii), by striking  
12 “Act” and inserting “Act”);

13 (2) in subsection (b)(2)(D), by striking “serv-  
14 ices” and inserting “counseling”;

15 (3) in subsection (b)(2)(I), by striking “assist-  
16 ance” and inserting “referrals”;

17 (4) in subsection (c)(1), by striking “and that  
18 such activities will continue to be maintained at such  
19 level”;

20 (5) in subsection (d)(3), by striking “to the  
21 rural areas” and inserting “eligible individuals resid-  
22 ing in rural areas”;

23 (6) in subsection (e)—

24 (A) by striking “subsection (c) or (d)” and  
25 inserting “this section”,

1 (B) by striking “and annually thereafter,  
2 issue an annual report” and inserting “and an-  
3 nually thereafter during the period of the grant,  
4 issue a report”, and

5 (C) in paragraph (1), by striking “State-  
6 wide”;

7 (7) in subsection (f), by striking paragraph (2)  
8 and by redesignating paragraphs (3) through (5) as  
9 paragraphs (2) through (4), respectively; and

10 (8) in the second subsection (f) (relating to au-  
11 thorization of appropriations for grants)—

12 (A) by striking “and 1993” and inserting  
13 “1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996”; and

14 (B) by redesignating such subsection as  
15 subsection (g).

16 (j) TELEPHONE INFORMATION SYSTEM.—

17 (1) Section 1804 (42 U.S.C. 1395b-2) is  
18 amended—

19 (A) by adding at the end of the heading  
20 the following: “; MEDICARE AND MEDIGAP IN-  
21 FORMATION”,

22 (B) by inserting “(a)” after “1804.”, and

23 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
24 subsection:

1       “(b) The Secretary shall provide information via a  
2 toll-free telephone number on the programs under this  
3 title.”.

4           (2) Section 1882(f) (42 U.S.C. 1395ss(f)) is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following new  
6 paragraph:

7       “(3) The Secretary shall provide information via a  
8 toll-free telephone number on medicare supplemental poli-  
9 cies (including the relationship of State programs under  
10 title XIX to such policies).”.

11           (3) Section 1889 is repealed.

12       (k) MAILING OF POLICIES.—Section 1882(d)(4) (42  
13 U.S.C. 1395ss(d)(4)) is amended—

14           (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “, if such  
15 policy” and all that follows up to the period at the  
16 end, and

17           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 paragraph:

19       “(E) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply in the case  
20 of an issuer who mails or causes to be mailed a policy,  
21 certificate, or other matter solely to comply with the re-  
22 quirements of subsection (q).”.

23       (l) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
24 this section shall be effective as if included in the enact-  
25 ment of OBRA-1990; except that—

1           (1) the amendments made by subsection (d)(1)  
2 shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this  
3 Act, but no penalty shall be imposed under section  
4 1882(d)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act (for an ac-  
5 tion occurring after the effective date of the amend-  
6 ments made by section 4354 of OBRA-1990 and be-  
7 fore the date of the enactment of this Act) with re-  
8 spect to the sale or issuance of a policy which is not  
9 unlawful under section 1882(d)(3)(A)(i)(II) of the  
10 Social Security Act (as amended by this section);

11           (2) the amendments made by subsection  
12 (d)(2)(A) and by subparagraphs (A), (B), and (E)  
13 of subsection (e)(1) shall be effective on the date  
14 specified in subsection (m)(4); and

15           (3) the amendment made by subsection (g)(2)  
16 shall take effect on January 1, 1995, and shall apply  
17 to individuals who attain 65 years of age or older on  
18 or after the effective date of section 1882(s)(2) of  
19 the Social Security Act (and, in the case of individ-  
20 uals who attained 65 years of age after such effec-  
21 tive date and before January 1, 1995, and who were  
22 not covered under such section before January 1,  
23 1995, the 6-month period specified in that section  
24 shall begin January 1, 1995).

25           (m) TRANSITION PROVISIONS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary of Health  
2 and Human Services identifies a State as requiring  
3 a change to its statutes or regulations to conform its  
4 regulatory program to the changes made by this sec-  
5 tion, the State regulatory program shall not be con-  
6 sidered to be out of compliance with the require-  
7 ments of section 1882 of the Social Security Act due  
8 solely to failure to make such change until the date  
9 specified in paragraph (4).

10           (2) NAIC STANDARDS.—If, within 6 months  
11 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Na-  
12 tional Association of Insurance Commissioners (in  
13 this subsection referred to as the “NAIC”) modifies  
14 its 1991 NAIC Model Regulation (adopted in July  
15 1991) to conform to the amendments made by this  
16 section and to delete from section 15C the exception  
17 which begins with “unless”, such revised regulation  
18 incorporating the modifications shall be considered  
19 to be the 1991 Regulation for the purposes of sec-  
20 tion 1882 of the Social Security Act.

21           (3) SECRETARY STANDARDS.—If the NAIC  
22 does not make the modifications described in para-  
23 graph (2) within the period specified in such para-  
24 graph, the Secretary of Health and Human Services  
25 shall make the modifications described in such para-

1 graph and such revised regulation incorporating the  
2 modifications shall be considered to be the 1991  
3 Regulation for the purposes of section 1882 of the  
4 Social Security Act.

5 (4) DATE SPECIFIED.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
7 graph (B), the date specified in this paragraph  
8 for a State is the earlier of—

9 (i) the date the State changes its stat-  
10 utes or regulations to conform its regu-  
11 latory program to the changes made by  
12 this section, or

13 (ii) 1 year after the date the NAIC or  
14 the Secretary first makes the modifications  
15 under paragraph (2) or (3), respectively.

16 (B) ADDITIONAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION RE-  
17 QUIRED.—In the case of a State which the Sec-  
18 retary identifies as—

19 (i) requiring State legislation (other  
20 than legislation appropriating funds) to  
21 conform its regulatory program to the  
22 changes made in this section, but

23 (ii) having a legislature which is not  
24 scheduled to meet in 1996 in a legislative

1 session in which such legislation may be  
2 considered,  
3 the date specified in this paragraph is the first  
4 day of the first calendar quarter beginning after  
5 the close of the first legislative session of the  
6 State legislature that begins on or after Janu-  
7 ary 1, 1996. For purposes of the previous sen-  
8 tence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year  
9 legislative session, each year of such session  
10 shall be deemed to be a separate regular session  
11 of the State legislature.

12 **SEC. 172. 6-MONTH EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE**  
13 **OF MEDICARE SELECT POLICIES.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 4358(c) of the Omnibus  
15 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 1320c-3  
16 note) is amended by striking “3-year” and inserting “3½-  
17 year”.

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
19 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
20 ment of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

1 **TITLE II—MATERNAL AND**  
2 **CHILD HEALTH SERVICES**  
3 **BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**  
4 **Subtitle A—Child Welfare, Foster**  
5 **Care, Adoption**

6 **SEC. 201. INCREASE IN AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIA-**  
7 **TIONS FOR THE MATERNAL AND CHILD**  
8 **HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.**

9 Section 501(a) (42 U.S.C. 701(a)) is amended by  
10 striking “\$686,000,000 for fiscal year 1990” and insert-  
11 ing “\$705,000,000 for fiscal year 1994”.

12 **SEC. 202 REQUIRED PROTECTIONS FOR FOSTER CHIL-**  
13 **DREN.**

14 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 422(b) (42 U.S.C.  
15 622(b)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
17 (7);

18 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
19 graph (8) and inserting “; and”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following:

21 “(9) provide assurances that the State—

22 “(A) since June 17, 1980, has completed  
23 an inventory of all children who, before the in-  
24 ventory, had been in foster care under the re-

1           sponsibility of the State for 6 months or more,  
2           which determined—

3                   “(i) the appropriateness of, and neces-  
4                   sity for, the foster care placement;

5                   “(ii) whether the child could or should  
6                   be returned to the parents of the child or  
7                   should be freed for adoption or other per-  
8                   manent placement; and

9                   “(iii) the services necessary to facili-  
10                  tate the return of the child or the place-  
11                  ment of the child for adoption or legal  
12                  guardianship;

13                  “(B) is operating, to the satisfaction of the  
14                  Secretary—

15                   “(i) a statewide information system  
16                   from which can be readily determined the  
17                   status, demographic characteristics, loca-  
18                   tion, and goals for the placement of every  
19                   child who is (or, within the immediately  
20                   preceding 12 months, has been) in foster  
21                   care;

22                   “(ii) a case review system (as defined  
23                   in section 475(5)) for each child receiving  
24                   foster care under the supervision of the  
25                   State;

1           “(iii) a service program designed to  
2           help children—

3                   “(I) where appropriate, return to  
4                   families from which they have been  
5                   removed; or

6                   “(II) be placed for adoption, with  
7                   a legal guardian, or, if adoption or  
8                   legal guardianship is determined not  
9                   to be appropriate for a child, in some  
10                  other planned, permanent living ar-  
11                  rangement; and

12                  “(iv) a preplacement preventive serv-  
13                  ices program designed to help children at  
14                  risk of foster care placement remain with  
15                  their families; and

16                  “(C)(i) has reviewed (or within 12 months  
17                  after the date of the enactment of this para-  
18                  graph will review) State policies and adminis-  
19                  trative and judicial procedures in effect for chil-  
20                  dren abandoned at or shortly after birth (in-  
21                  cluding policies and procedures providing for  
22                  legal representation of such children); and

23                  “(ii) is implementing (or within 24 months  
24                  after the date of the enactment of this para-  
25                  graph will implement) such policies and proce-

1           dures as the State determines, on the basis of  
2           the review described in clause (i), to be nec-  
3           essary to enable permanent decisions to be  
4           made expeditiously with respect to the place-  
5           ment of such children.”.

6           (b) RESTRICTION ON REALLOTMENT.—Section 424  
7 (42 U.S.C. 624) is amended—

8           (1) in the first sentence, by striking “The  
9           amount” and inserting the following:

10          “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), the  
11 amount”; and

12          (2) by adding at the end the following:

13          “(b) EXCEPTION RELATING TO FOSTER CHILD PRO-  
14 TECTIONS.—The Secretary shall not reallocate under sub-  
15 section (a) of this section any amount that is withheld or  
16 recovered from a State due to the failure of the State to  
17 meet the requirements of section 422(b)(9).”.

18          (c) REPEAL.—Section 427 (42 U.S.C. 627) is hereby  
19 repealed.

20          (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21           (1) Section 423(a) (42 U.S.C. 623(a)) is  
22 amended by striking “and in section 427”.

23           (2) Section 425(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 625(a)(2)) is  
24 amended by striking “the statistical report required  
25 by section” and inserting “section 422(b)(9) or”.

1           (3) Section 472(d) (42 U.S.C. 672(d)) is  
2           amended by striking “427(b)” and inserting  
3           “422(b)(9)”.

4           (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments and repeal  
5           made by this section shall be effective with respect to fiscal  
6           years beginning on or after April 1, 1995.

7           **SEC. 203. CONFORMITY REVIEWS.**

8           (a) IN GENERAL.—Part A of title XI (42 U.S.C.  
9           1301–1320b–13) is amended by inserting after section  
10          1122 the following:

11          “REVIEWS OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS,  
12                  AND OF FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE  
13                  PROGRAMS, FOR CONFORMITY WITH STATE PLAN RE-  
14                  QUIREMENTS

15          “SEC. 1123. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in  
16          consultation with the State agencies administering the  
17          State programs under parts B and E of title IV, shall pro-  
18          mulgate regulations for the review of such programs to  
19          determine whether such programs are in substantial con-  
20          formity with—

21                  “(1) State plan requirements under such parts  
22                  B and E,

23                  “(2) implementing regulations promulgated by  
24                  the Secretary, and

25                  “(3) the relevant approved State plans.

1       “(b) ELEMENTS OF REVIEW SYSTEM.—The regula-  
2 tions referred to in subsection (a) shall—

3               “(1) specify the timetable for conformity re-  
4 views of State programs, including—

5                       “(A) an initial review of each State pro-  
6 gram;

7                       “(B) a timely review of a State program  
8 following a review in which such program was  
9 found not to be in substantial conformity; and

10                      “(C) less frequent reviews of State pro-  
11 grams which have been found to be in substan-  
12 tial conformity, but such regulations shall per-  
13 mit the Secretary to reinstate more frequent re-  
14 views based on information which indicates that  
15 a State program may not be in conformity;

16               “(2) specify the requirements subject to review,  
17 and the criteria to be used to measure conformity  
18 with such requirements and to determine whether  
19 there is a substantial failure to so conform;

20               “(3) specify the method to be used to determine  
21 the amount of any Federal matching funds to be  
22 withheld (subject to paragraph (4)) due to the State  
23 program’s failure to so conform, which ensures  
24 that—

1           “(A) such funds will not be withheld with  
2           respect to a program, unless it is determined  
3           that the program fails substantially to so con-  
4           form;

5           “(B) such funds will not be withheld for a  
6           failure to so conform resulting from the State’s  
7           reliance upon and correct use of formal written  
8           statements of Federal law or policy provided to  
9           the State by the Secretary; and

10          “(C) the amount of such funds withheld is  
11          related to the extent of the failure to so con-  
12          form; and

13          “(4) require the Secretary, with respect to any  
14          State program found to have failed substantially to  
15          so conform—

16                 “(A) to afford the State an opportunity to  
17                 adopt and implement a corrective action plan,  
18                 approved by the Secretary, designed to end the  
19                 failure to so conform;

20                 “(B) to make technical assistance available  
21                 to the State to the extent feasible to enable the  
22                 State to develop and implement such a correc-  
23                 tive action plan;

1           “(C) to suspend the withholding of any  
2           Federal matching funds under this section while  
3           such a corrective action plan is in effect; and

4           “(D) to rescind any such withholding if the  
5           failure to so conform is ended by successful  
6           completion of such a corrective action plan.

7           “(c) PROVISIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDI-  
8           CIAL REVIEW.—The regulations referred to in subsection  
9           (a) shall—

10           “(1) require the Secretary, not later than 10  
11           days after a final determination that a program of  
12           the State is not in conformity, to notify the State  
13           of—

14                   “(A) the basis for the determination; and

15                   “(B) the amount of the Federal matching  
16           funds (if any) to be withheld from the State;

17           “(2) afford the State an opportunity to appeal  
18           the determination to the Departmental Appeals  
19           Board within 60 days after receipt of the notice de-  
20           scribed in paragraph (1) (or, if later, after failure to  
21           continue or to complete a corrective action plan);  
22           and

23           “(3) afford the State an opportunity to obtain  
24           judicial review of an adverse decision of the Board,  
25           within 60 days after the State receives notice of the

1 decision of the Board, by appeal to the district court  
2 of the United States for the judicial district in which  
3 the principal or headquarters office of the agency re-  
4 sponsible for administering the program is located.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 471(b) (42  
6 U.S.C. 671(b)) is amended by striking all that follows the  
7 first sentence.

8 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by  
10 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the en-  
11 actment of this Act.

12 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The amend-  
13 ment made by subsection (b) shall take effect on Oc-  
14 tober 1, 1995.

15 (3) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall pro-  
16 mulgate the regulations referred to in section  
17 1123(a) of the Social Security Act (as added by this  
18 section) not later than July 1, 1995, to take effect  
19 on April 1, 1996.

20 **SEC. 204. STATES REQUIRED TO REPORT ON MEASURES**  
21 **TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH THE INDIAN CHILD**  
22 **WELFARE ACT.**

23 (a) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section 422(b)  
24 (42 U.S.C. 622(b)), as amended by section 301(a), is  
25 amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph  
2 (8);

3 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-  
4 graph (9) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(10) contain a description, developed after  
7 consultation with tribal organizations (as defined in  
8 section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-  
9 cation Assistance Act) in the State, of the specific  
10 measures taken by the State to comply with the In-  
11 dian Child Welfare Act.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13 subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to fiscal years  
14 beginning on or after October 1, 1995.

15 **SEC. 205. CHILD WELFARE TRAINEESHIPS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart 1 of part B of title IV  
17 (42 U.S.C. 620–628) is amended by inserting after section  
18 428 the following:

19 “CHILD WELFARE TRAINEESHIPS

20 “SEC. 429. The Secretary may approve an applica-  
21 tion for a grant to a public or nonprofit institution for  
22 higher learning to provide traineeships with stipends  
23 under section 426(a)(1)(C) only if the application—

24 “(1) provides assurances that each individual  
25 who receives a stipend with such traineeship (in this  
26 section referred to as a ‘recipient’) will enter into an

1 agreement with the institution under which the re-  
2 cipient agrees—

3 “(A) to participate in training at a public  
4 or private nonprofit child welfare agency on a  
5 regular basis (as determined by the Secretary)  
6 for the period of the traineeship;

7 “(B) to be employed for a period of years  
8 equivalent to the period of the traineeship, in a  
9 public or private nonprofit child welfare agency  
10 in any State, within a period of time (deter-  
11 mined by the Secretary in accordance with reg-  
12 ulations) after completing the postsecondary  
13 education for which the traineeship was  
14 awarded;

15 “(C) to furnish to the institution and the  
16 Secretary evidence of compliance with subpara-  
17 graphs (A) and (B); and

18 “(D) if the recipient fails to comply with  
19 subparagraph (A) or (B) and does not qualify  
20 for any exception to this subparagraph which  
21 the Secretary may prescribe in regulations, to  
22 repay to the Secretary all (or an appropriately  
23 prorated part) of the amount of the stipend,  
24 plus interest, and, if applicable, reasonable col-

1           lection fees (in accordance with regulations pro-  
2           mulgated by the Secretary);

3           “(2) provides assurances that the institution  
4           will—

5                   “(A) enter into agreements with child wel-  
6                   fare agencies for onsite training of recipients;

7                   “(B) permit an individual who is employed  
8                   in the field of child welfare services to apply for  
9                   a traineeship with a stipend if the traineeship  
10                  furtheres the progress of the individual toward  
11                  the completion of degree requirements; and

12                  “(C) develop and implement a system that,  
13                  for the 3-year period that begins on the date  
14                  any recipient completes a child welfare services  
15                  program of study, tracks the employment  
16                  record of the recipient, for the purpose of deter-  
17                  mining the percentage of recipients who secure  
18                  employment in the field of child welfare services  
19                  and remain employed in the field.”.

20           (b)           CONFORMING           AMENDMENT.—Section  
21           426(a)(1)(C) (42 U.S.C. 626(a)(1)(C)) is amended by in-  
22           serting “described in section 429” after “including  
23           traineeships”.

1 (c) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by this  
2 section shall apply to grants awarded on or after October  
3 1, 1995

4 **SEC. 206. DISPOSITIONAL HEARING.**

5 (a) MOST APPROPRIATE SETTING.—Section  
6 475(5)(A) (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(A)) is amended by inserting  
7 “and most appropriate” after “(most family like)”.

8 (b) TIMING OF SUBSEQUENT REVIEW.—Section  
9 475(5)(C) (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(C)) is amended by striking  
10 “periodically” and inserting “not less frequently than  
11 every 12 months”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13 this section shall take effect on October 1, 1995.

14 **SEC. 207. ELIMINATION OF FOSTER CARE CEILINGS AND**  
15 **OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER UNUSED FOS-**  
16 **TER CARE FUNDS TO CHILD WELFARE SERV-**  
17 **ICES PROGRAMS.**

18 (a) REPEAL.—Subsections (b) and (c) of section 474  
19 (42 U.S.C. 674 (b) and (c)) are hereby repealed.

20 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 474 (42  
21 U.S.C. 674) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (d)(1)—

23 (A) by striking “subsections (a), (b), and  
24 (c)” and inserting “subsection (a)”; and

1 (B) by striking “the provisions of such  
2 subsections” and inserting “subsection (a)”;  
3 and

4 (2) by redesignating subsection (d) as sub-  
5 section (b).

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments and re-  
7 peals made by this section shall apply to payments for cal-  
8 endar quarters beginning on or after October 1, 1993.

9 **SEC. 208. DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.**

10 Part A of title XI (42 U.S.C. 1301–1320b–13) is  
11 amended by inserting after section 1128B the following:

12 “DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

13 “SEC. 1129. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
14 authorize not more than 10 States to conduct demonstra-  
15 tion projects pursuant to this section which the Secretary  
16 finds are likely to promote the objectives of part B or E  
17 of title IV.

18 “(b) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may  
19 waive compliance with any requirement of part B or E  
20 of title IV which (if applied) would prevent a State from  
21 carrying out a demonstration project under this section  
22 or prevent the State from effectively achieving the purpose  
23 of such a project, except that the Secretary may not  
24 waive—

1           “(1) any provision of section 427 (as in effect  
2           before April 1, 1996), section 422(b)(9) (as in effect  
3           after such date), or section 479; or

4           “(2) any provision of such part E, to the extent  
5           that the waiver would impair the entitlement of any  
6           qualified child or family to benefits under a State  
7           plan approved under such part E.

8           “(c) TREATMENT AS PROGRAM EXPENDITURES.—  
9           For purposes of parts B and E of title IV, the Secretary  
10          shall consider the expenditures of any State to conduct  
11          a demonstration project under this section to be expendi-  
12          tures under subpart 1 or 2 of such part B, or under such  
13          part E, as the State may elect.

14          “(d) DURATION OF DEMONSTRATION.—A dem-  
15          onstration project under this section may be conducted for  
16          not more than 5 years.

17          “(e) APPLICATION.—Any State seeking to conduct a  
18          demonstration project under this section shall submit to  
19          the Secretary an application, in such form as the Sec-  
20          retary may require, which includes—

21                 “(1) a description of the proposed project, the  
22                 geographic area in which the proposed project would  
23                 be conducted, the children or families who would be  
24                 served by the proposed project, and the services  
25                 which would be provided by the proposed project

1 (which shall provide, where appropriate, for random  
2 assignment of children and families to groups served  
3 under the project and to control groups);

4 “(2) a statement of the period during which the  
5 proposed project would be conducted;

6 “(3) a discussion of the benefits that are ex-  
7 pected from the proposed project (compared to a  
8 continuation of activities under the approved plan or  
9 plans of the State);

10 “(4) an estimate of the costs or savings of the  
11 proposed project;

12 “(5) a statement of program requirements for  
13 which waivers would be needed to permit the pro-  
14 posed project to be conducted;

15 “(6) a description of the proposed evaluation  
16 design; and

17 “(7) such additional information as the Sec-  
18 retary may require.

19 “(f) EVALUATIONS; REPORT.—Each State authorized  
20 to conduct a demonstration project under this section  
21 shall—

22 “(1) obtain an evaluation by an independent  
23 contractor of the effectiveness of the project, using  
24 an evaluation design approved by the Secretary  
25 which provides for—

1           “(A) comparison of methods of service de-  
2           livery under the project, and such methods  
3           under a State plan or plans, with respect to ef-  
4           ficiency, economy, and any other appropriate  
5           measures of program management;

6           “(B) comparison of outcomes for children  
7           and families (and groups of children and fami-  
8           lies) under the project, and such outcomes  
9           under a State plan or plans, for purposes of as-  
10          sessing the effectiveness of the project in  
11          achieving program goals; and

12          “(C) any other information that the Sec-  
13          retary may require; and

14          “(2) provide interim and final evaluation re-  
15          ports to the Secretary, at such times and in such  
16          manner as the Secretary may require.

17          “(g) COST NEUTRALITY.—The Secretary may not  
18          authorize a State to conduct a demonstration project  
19          under this section unless the Secretary determines that  
20          the total amount of Federal funds that will be expended  
21          under (or by reason of) the project over its approved term  
22          (or such portion thereof or other period as the Secretary  
23          may find appropriate) will not exceed the amount of such  
24          funds that would be expended by the State under the State

1 plans approved under parts B and E of title IV if the  
2 project were not conducted.”.

3 **SEC. 209. PLACEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY.**

4 (a) CASE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section 475(5)(A)  
5 (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(A)), as amended by section 305(a), is  
6 amended by adding at the end the following: “which—

7 “(i) if the child has been placed in a  
8 foster family home or child-care institution  
9 a substantial distance from the home of  
10 the parents of the child, or in a State dif-  
11 ferent from the State in which such home  
12 is located, sets forth the reasons why such  
13 placement is in the best interests of the  
14 child, and

15 “(ii) if the child has been placed in  
16 foster care outside the State in which the  
17 home of the parents of the child is located,  
18 requires that, periodically, but not less fre-  
19 quently than every 12 months, a case-  
20 worker on the staff of the State agency of  
21 the State in which the home of the parents  
22 of the child is located, or of the State in  
23 which the child has been placed, visit such  
24 child in such home or institution and sub-  
25 mit a report on such visit to the State

1                   agency of the State in which the home of  
2                   the parents of the child is located,”.

3           (b) DISPOSITIONAL HEARING.—Section 475(5)(C)  
4 (42 U.S.C. 675(5)(C)), as amended by section 305(b), is  
5 amended by inserting “and, in the case of a child de-  
6 scribed in subparagraph (A)(ii), whether the out-of-State  
7 placement continues to be appropriate and in the best in-  
8 terests of the child,” after “long-term basis)”.

9           (c) DATA COLLECTION.—Section 479(c)(3)(C) (42  
10 U.S.C. 679(c)(3)(C)) is amended—

11           (1) by striking “and” at the end of clause (i);  
12           and

13           (2) by adding at the end the following:

14                   “(iii) children placed in foster care  
15                   outside the State which has placement and  
16                   care responsibility, and”.

17           (d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall be effective with respect to fiscal years  
19 beginning on or after October 1, 1995.

20 **SEC. 210. PAYMENTS OF STATE CLAIMS FOR FOSTER CARE**  
21 **AND ADOPTION ASSISTANCE.**

22           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 474(b) (42 U.S.C.  
23 674(b)), as redesignated by section 306(b)(2), is amended  
24 by adding at the end the following:

1       “(4)(A) Within 60 days after receipt of a State claim  
2 for expenditures pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary  
3 shall allow, disallow, or defer such claim.

4       “(B) Within 15 days after a decision to defer such  
5 a State claim, the Secretary shall notify the State of the  
6 reasons for the deferral and of the additional information  
7 necessary to determine the allowability of the claim.

8       “(C) Within 90 days after receiving such necessary  
9 information (in readily reviewable form), the Secretary  
10 shall—

11               “(i) disallow the claim, if able to complete the  
12 review and determine that the claim is not allowable,  
13 or

14               “(ii) in any other case, allow the claim, subject  
15 to disallowance (as necessary)—

16                       “(I) upon completion of the review, if it is  
17 determined that the claim is not allowable; or

18                       “(II) on the basis of findings of an audit  
19 or financial management review.”.

20       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
21 subsection (a) shall be effective with respect to claims  
22 made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 211. EFFECT OF FAILURE TO CARRY OUT STATE**  
2 **PLAN.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Part A of title XI (42 U.S.C.  
4 1301–1320b–13), as amended by section 307, is amended  
5 by inserting after section 1129 the following:

6 “EFFECT OF FAILURE TO CARRY OUT STATE PLAN

7 “SEC. 1130. In an action brought to enforce a provi-  
8 sion of the Social Security Act, such provision is not to  
9 be deemed unenforceable because of its inclusion in a sec-  
10 tion of the Act requiring a State plan or specifying the  
11 required contents of a State plan. This section is not in-  
12 tended to limit or expand the grounds for determining the  
13 availability of private actions to enforce State plan re-  
14 quirements other than by overturning any such grounds  
15 applied in *Suter v. Artist M.*, 112 S. Ct. 1360 (1992),  
16 but not applied in prior Supreme Court decisions respect-  
17 ing such enforceability: *Provided, however,* That this sec-  
18 tion is not intended to alter the holding in *Suter v. Artist*  
19 *M.* that section 471(a)(15) of the Act is not enforceable  
20 in a private right of action.”.

21 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by sub-  
22 section (a) shall apply to actions pending on the date of  
23 the enactment of this Act and to actions brought on or  
24 after such date of enactment.

1                   **Subtitle B—Child Support**  
2                   **Enforcement**

3   **SEC. 212. REPORTS TO CREDIT BUREAUS ON PERSONS DE-**  
4                   **LINQUENT IN CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS.**

5           (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 466(a)(7) (42 U.S.C.  
6 666(a)(7)) is amended—

7               (1) by striking “Procedures” and all that fol-  
8               lows through “request of such agency” and inserting  
9               “Procedures which require the State to periodically  
10              report to consumer reporting agencies (as defined in  
11              section 603(f) of the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15  
12              U.S.C. 1681a(f))) the name of any parent who owes  
13              overdue support and is at least 2 months delinquent  
14              in the payment of such support and the amount of  
15              such delinquency; and

16              (2) by striking “(C) a fee” and all that follows  
17              through “by the State” and inserting “(C) such in-  
18              formation shall not be made available to (i) a  
19              consumer reporting agency which the State deter-  
20              mines does not have sufficient capability to system-  
21              atically and timely make accurate use of such infor-  
22              mation, or (ii) an entity which has not furnished evi-  
23              dence satisfactory to the State that the entity is a  
24              consumer reporting agency”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1995.

3 **SEC. 213. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO PROVISION ON**  
4 **STATE PATERNITY ESTABLISHMENT PRO-**  
5 **GRAMS.**

6 Section 452(g)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 652(g)(2)(A)), as  
7 amended by section 13721(a) of OBRA–1993, is amend-  
8 ed—

9 (1) in clause (i), by striking “during the fiscal  
10 year”;

11 (2) in subclause (I) of clause (ii), by striking  
12 “as of the end of the fiscal year” and inserting “in  
13 the fiscal year or, at the option of the State, as of  
14 the end of such year”;

15 (3) in subclause (II) of clause (ii), by striking  
16 “or (E) as of the end of the fiscal year” and insert-  
17 ing “in the fiscal year or, at the option of the State,  
18 as of the end of such year”;

19 (4) in clause (iii), by striking “during the fiscal  
20 year”; and

21 (5) in the matter following clause (iii)—

22 (A) by striking “who were born out of wed-  
23 lock during the immediately preceding fiscal  
24 year” and inserting “born out of wedlock”;

1 (B) by striking “such preceding fiscal  
2 year” both places it appears and inserting “the  
3 preceding fiscal year”; and

4 (C) by striking “or E” the second place it  
5 appears.

6 **SEC. 214. AGREEMENT TO ASSIST IN LOCATING MISSING**  
7 **CHILDREN UNDER THE PARENT LOCATOR**  
8 **SERVICE.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 463 (42 U.S.C. 663) is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 section:

12 “(f) The Secretary shall enter into an agreement with  
13 the Attorney General of the United States, under which  
14 the services of the Parent Locator Service established  
15 under section 453 shall be made available to the Office  
16 of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention upon its  
17 request to locate any parent or child on behalf of such  
18 Office for the purpose of—

19 “(1) enforcing any State or Federal law with  
20 respect to the unlawful taking or restraint of a child,  
21 or

22 “(2) making or enforcing a child custody deter-  
23 mination.

24 The Parent Locator Service shall charge no fees for serv-  
25 ices requested pursuant to this subsection.”.

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 463(c) (42  
2 U.S.C. 663(c)) is amended by striking “(a), (b), or (e)”  
3 and inserting “(a), (b), (e), or (f)”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this section shall take effect on October 1, 1995.

6 **Subtitle C—Supplemental Security**  
7 **Income**

8 **SEC. 221. DEFINITION OF DISABILITY FOR CHILDREN**  
9 **UNDER AGE 18 APPLIED TO ALL INDIVIDUALS**  
10 **UNDER AGE 18.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1614(a)(3) (42 U.S.C.  
12 1382c(a)(3)) is amended—

13 (1) in subparagraphs (A) and (H), by striking  
14 “a child” each place it appears and inserting “an in-  
15 dividual”; and

16 (2) in subparagraph (H), by striking “child”  
17 the second and third place it appears and inserting  
18 “individual”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
20 subsection (a) shall apply to determinations made on or  
21 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1     **Subtitle D—Aid to Families With**  
2                     **Dependent Children**

3     **SEC. 231. SIMPLIFICATION OF INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY**  
4                     **VERIFICATION SYSTEM.**

5             Paragraph (1)(A) of section 1137(d) (42 U.S.C.  
6 1320b–7(d)) is amended to read as follows:

7                     “(1)(A) The State shall require, as a condition  
8             of an individual’s eligibility for benefits under a pro-  
9             gram listed in subsection (b), a declaration in writ-  
10            ing, under penalty of perjury—

11                         “(i) by the individual,

12                         “(ii) in the case in which eligibility for pro-  
13             gram benefits is determined on a family or  
14             household basis, by any adult member of such  
15             individual’s family or household (as applicable),  
16             or

17                         “(iii) in the case of an individual born into  
18             a family or household receiving benefits under  
19             such program, by any adult member of such  
20             family or household no later than the next rede-  
21             termination of eligibility of such family or  
22             household following the birth of such individual,  
23             stating whether the individual is a citizen or national  
24             of the United States, and, if that individual is not

1 a citizen or national of the United States, that the  
2 individual is in a satisfactory immigration status.”.

3 **SEC. 232. MEASUREMENT AND REPORTING OF WELFARE**

4 **RECEIPT.**

5 (a) CONGRESSIONAL POLICY.—The Congress hereby  
6 declares that—

7 (1) it is the policy and responsibility of the  
8 Federal Government to reduce the rate at which and  
9 the degree to which families depend on income from  
10 welfare programs and the duration of welfare re-  
11 ceipt, consistent with other essential national goals;

12 (2) it is the policy of the United States to  
13 strengthen families, to ensure that children grow up  
14 in families that are economically self-sufficient and  
15 that the life prospects of children are improved, and  
16 to underscore the responsibility of parents to sup-  
17 port their children;

18 (3) the Federal Government should help welfare  
19 recipients as well as individuals at risk of welfare re-  
20 ceipt to improve their education and job skills, to ob-  
21 tain child care and other necessary support services,  
22 and to take such other steps as may be necessary to  
23 assist them to become financially independent; and

24 (4) it is the purpose of this section to provide  
25 the public with generally accepted measures of wel-

1 fare receipt so that it can track such receipt over  
2 time and determine whether progress is being made  
3 in reducing the rate at which and, to the extent fea-  
4 sible, the degree to which, families depend on income  
5 from welfare programs and the duration of welfare  
6 receipt.

7 (b) DEVELOPMENT OF WELFARE INDICATORS AND  
8 PREDICTORS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
9 ices (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) in con-  
10 sultation with the Secretary of Agriculture shall—

11 (1) develop—

12 (A) indicators of the rate at which and, to  
13 the extent feasible, the degree to which, families  
14 depend on income from welfare programs and  
15 the duration of welfare receipt; and

16 (B) predictors of welfare receipt;

17 (2) assess the data needed to report annually  
18 on the indicators and predictors, including the abil-  
19 ity of existing data collection efforts to provide such  
20 data and any additional data collection needs; and

21 (3) not later than 2 years after the date of the  
22 enactment of this section, provide an interim report  
23 containing conclusions resulting from the develop-  
24 ment and assessment described in paragraphs (1)  
25 and (2), to—

1 (A) the Committee on Ways and Means of  
2 the House of Representatives;

3 (B) the Committee on Education and  
4 Labor of the House of Representatives;

5 (C) the Committee on Agriculture of the  
6 House of Representatives;

7 (D) the Committee on Energy and Com-  
8 merce of the House of Representatives;

9 (E) the Committee on Finance of the Sen-  
10 ate;

11 (F) the Committee on Labor and Human  
12 Resources of the Senate; and

13 (G) the Committee on Agriculture, Nutri-  
14 tion, and Forestry of the Senate.

15 (c) ADVISORY BOARD ON WELFARE INDICATORS.—

16 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established an  
17 Advisory Board on Welfare Indicators (in this sub-  
18 section referred to as the “Board”).

19 (2) COMPOSITION.—The Board shall be com-  
20 posed of 12 members with equal numbers to be ap-  
21 pointed by the House of Representatives, the Senate,  
22 and the President. The Board shall be composed of  
23 experts in the fields of welfare research and welfare  
24 statistical methodology, representatives of State and

1 local welfare agencies, and organizations concerned  
2 with welfare issues.

3 (3) VACANCIES.—Any vacancy occurring in the  
4 membership of the Board shall be filled in the same  
5 manner as the original appointment for the position  
6 being vacated. The vacancy shall not affect the  
7 power of the remaining members to execute the du-  
8 ties of the Board.

9 (4) DUTIES.—Duties of the Board shall in-  
10 clude—

11 (A) providing advice and recommendations  
12 to the Secretary on the development of indica-  
13 tors of the rate at which and, to the extent fea-  
14 sible, the degree to which, families depend on  
15 income from welfare programs and the duration  
16 of welfare receipt; and

17 (B) providing advice on the development  
18 and presentation of annual reports required  
19 under subsection (d).

20 (5) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—Members of the  
21 Board shall not be compensated, but shall receive  
22 travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsist-  
23 ence, at rates authorized for employees of agencies  
24 under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United  
25 States Code, for each day the member is engaged in

1 the performance of duties away from the home or  
2 regular place of business of the member.

3 (6) DETAIL OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—The  
4 Secretary shall detail, without reimbursement, any  
5 of the personnel of the Department of Health and  
6 Human Services to the Board to assist the Board in  
7 carrying out its duties. Any detail shall not interrupt  
8 or otherwise affect the civil service status or privi-  
9 leges of the Federal employee.

10 (7) VOLUNTARY SERVICE.—Notwithstanding  
11 section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the  
12 Board may accept the voluntary services provided by  
13 a member of the Board.

14 (8) TERMINATION OF BOARD.—The Board shall  
15 be terminated at such time as the Secretary deter-  
16 mines the duties described in paragraph (4) have  
17 been completed, but in any case prior to the submis-  
18 sion of the first report required under subsection  
19 (d).

20 (d) ANNUAL WELFARE INDICATORS REPORT.—

21 (1) PREPARATION.—The Secretary shall pre-  
22 pare annual reports on welfare receipt in the United  
23 States.

24 (2) COVERAGE.—The report shall include anal-  
25 ysis of families and individuals receiving assistance

1 under means-tested benefit programs, including the  
2 program of aid to families with dependent children  
3 under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act  
4 (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), the food stamp program  
5 under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011  
6 et seq.), and the Supplemental Security Income pro-  
7 gram under title XVI of the Social Security Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 1381 et seq.), or as general assistance under  
9 programs administered by State and local govern-  
10 ments.

11 (3) CONTENTS.—Each report shall set forth for  
12 each of the means-tested benefit programs described  
13 in paragraph (2)—

14 (A) indicators of—

15 (i) the rate at which and, to the ex-  
16 tent feasible, the degree to which, families  
17 depend on income from welfare programs,  
18 and

19 (ii) the duration of welfare receipt;

20 (B) trends in indicators;

21 (C) predictors of welfare receipt;

22 (D) the causes of welfare receipt;

23 (E) patterns of multiple program receipt;

24 (F) such other information as the Sec-  
25 retary deems relevant; and

1 (G) such recommendations for legislation,  
2 which shall not include proposals to reduce eli-  
3 gibility levels or impose barriers to program ac-  
4 cess, as the Secretary may determine to be nec-  
5 essary or desirable to reduce—

6 (i) the rate at which and the degree to  
7 which families depend on income from wel-  
8 fare programs, and

9 (ii) the duration of welfare receipt.

10 (4) SUBMISSION.—The Secretary shall submit  
11 such a report not later than 3 years after the date  
12 of the enactment of this section and annually there-  
13 after, to the committees specified in subsection  
14 (b)(3)(C). Each such report shall be transmitted  
15 during the first 60 days of each regular session of  
16 Congress.

17 (e) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the  
18 “Welfare Indicators Act of 1994”.

19 **SEC. 233. NEW HOPE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
21 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-  
22 retary”) shall provide for a demonstration project for a  
23 qualified program to be conducted in Milwaukee, Wiscon-  
24 sin, in accordance with this section.

1           (b) PAYMENTS.—For each calendar quarter in which  
2 there is a qualified program approved under this sub-  
3 section, the Secretary shall pay to the operator of the  
4 qualified program, for no more than 20 calendar quarters,  
5 an amount equal to the aggregate amount that would oth-  
6 erwise have been payable to the State with respect to par-  
7 ticipants in the program for such calendar quarter, in the  
8 absence of the program, for cash assistance and child care  
9 under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act, for  
10 medical assistance under title XIX of such Act, and for  
11 administrative expenses related to such assistance. The  
12 amount payable to the operator of the program under this  
13 section shall not include the costs of evaluating the effects  
14 of the program.

15           (c) DEMONSTRATION PROJECT DESCRIBED.—For  
16 purposes of this section, the term “qualified program”  
17 means a program operated—

18           (1) by The New Hope Project, Inc., a private,  
19 not-for-profit corporation incorporated under the  
20 laws of the State of Wisconsin (in this section re-  
21 ferred to as the “operator”), which offers low-income  
22 residents of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, employment,  
23 wage supplements, child care, health care, and coun-  
24 seling and training for job retention or advancement;  
25 and

1           (2) in accordance with an application submitted  
2           by the operator of the program and approved by the  
3           Secretary based on the Secretary's determination  
4           that the application satisfies the requirements of  
5           subsection (d).

6           (d) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—The operator of  
7           the qualified program shall provide, in its application to  
8           conduct a demonstration project for the program, that the  
9           following terms and conditions will be met:

10           (1) The operator will develop and implement an  
11           evaluation plan designed to provide valid and reliable  
12           information on the impact and implementation of  
13           the program. The evaluation plan will include ade-  
14           quately sized groups of project participants and con-  
15           trol groups assigned at random.

16           (2) The operator will develop and implement a  
17           plan addressing the services and assistance to be  
18           provided by the program, the timing and determina-  
19           tion of payments from the Secretary to the operator  
20           of the program, and the roles and responsibilities of  
21           the Secretary and the operator with respect to meet-  
22           ing the requirements of this paragraph.

23           (3) The operator will specify a reliable meth-  
24           odology for determining expenditures to be paid to  
25           the operator by the Secretary, with assistance from

1 the Secretary in calculating the amount that would  
2 otherwise have been payable to the State in the ab-  
3 sence of the program, pursuant to subsection (b).

4 (4) The operator will issue an interim and final  
5 report on the results of the evaluation described in  
6 paragraph (1) to the Secretary at such times as re-  
7 quired by the Secretary.

8 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect  
9 on the first day of the first calendar quarter that begins  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

11 **SEC. 234. DELAY IN REQUIREMENT THAT OUTLYING**  
12 **AREAS OPERATE AN AFDC-UP PROGRAM.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 401(g)(2) of the Family  
14 Support Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 602 note; 102 Stat.  
15 2396) is amended by striking “October 1, 1992” and in-  
16 sserting “the date of the repeal of the limitations contained  
17 in section 1108(a) of the Social Security Act on payments  
18 to such jurisdictions for purposes of making maintenance  
19 payments under parts A and E of title IV of such Act”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
21 subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in the provi-  
22 sion of the Family Support Act of 1988 to which the  
23 amendment relates at the time such provision became law.

1 **SEC. 235. STATE OPTION TO USE RETROSPECTIVE BUDG-**  
2 **ETING WITHOUT MONTHLY REPORTING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 402(a)(13) (42 U.S.C.  
4 602(a)(13)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking all that precedes subparagraph  
6 (A) and inserting the following:

7 “(13) provide, at the option of the State and  
8 with respect to such category or categories as the  
9 State may select and identify in the State plan,  
10 that—”; and

11 (2) in each of subparagraphs (A) and (B), by  
12 striking “, in the case of families who are required  
13 to report monthly to the State agency pursuant to  
14 paragraph (14)”.

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
16 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1994, and  
17 shall apply to payments under part A of title IV of the  
18 Social Security Act for fiscal year 1994 and such pay-  
19 ments for succeeding fiscal years.

20 **Subtitle E—JOBS Program**

21 **SEC. 241. EXPANSION OF COVERAGE FOR INDIAN TRIBES.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 482(i)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C.  
23 682(i)(2)(A)) is amended by striking “members of such  
24 Indian tribe receiving aid to families with dependent chil-  
25 dren” and inserting “Indians receiving aid to families with

1 dependent children who reside on the reservation or within  
2 the designated service area”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on October 1, 1995.

5 **SEC. 242. REPORT TO THE CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO**  
6 **PERFORMANCE STANDARDS IN THE JOBS**  
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 Section 487(a) (42 U.S.C. 687(a)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “3” and inserting “4”;

10 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “criteria for”  
11 after “develop”;

12 (3) in paragraph (2), by striking “for” and in-  
13 serting “with respect to”; and

14 (4) in the second sentence, by striking “under  
15 this subsection” and inserting “with respect to the  
16 program under this part”.

17 **Subtitle F—Other Provisions**

18 **SEC. 261. EXTENSION OF DEMONSTRATION TO EXPAND**  
19 **JOB OPPORTUNITIES.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 505 of the Family Sup-  
21 port Act of 1988 (42 U.S.C. 1315 note; 102 Stat. 2404)  
22 is amended—

23 (1) in subsection (e), by striking “3-year pe-  
24 riod” and inserting “6-year period”,



1           “(1) REMITTED AMOUNTS.—The amount speci-  
2           fied in section 2003(c) for any fiscal year is hereby  
3           increased by the total of the amounts remitted dur-  
4           ing the fiscal year pursuant to subsection (d) of this  
5           section.

6           “(2) AMOUNTS NOT PAID TO THE STATES.—  
7           The amount specified in section 2003(c) for fiscal  
8           year 1998 is hereby increased by the amount made  
9           available for grants under this section that has not  
10          been paid to any State by the end of fiscal year  
11          1997.”.

12 **SEC. 264. CORRECTIONS RELATED TO THE INCOME SECU-**  
13                   **RITY AND HUMAN RESOURCES PROVISIONS**  
14                   **OF THE OBRA-1990.**

15          (a) AMENDMENT RELATED TO SECTION  
16 5035(a)(2).—Section 5035(a)(2) of OBRA-1990 is  
17 amended by striking “a semicolon” and inserting  
18 “‘; and’”.

19          (b) AMENDMENT RELATED TO SECTION 5040.—Sec-  
20 tion 1631(n) (42 U.S.C. 1383(n)) is amended by striking  
21 “subsection” and inserting “section”.

22          (c) AMENDMENT RELATED TO SECTION 5051(a).—  
23 Section 402(a)(14) (42 U.S.C. 602(a)(14)) is amended to  
24 read as follows:

1           “(14) at the option of the State and with re-  
2           spect to such category or categories as the State  
3           may select and identify in the plan, provide that—

4                   “(A) the State agency will require each  
5                   family to which the State provides (or, but for  
6                   paragraph (22) or (32), would provide) aid to  
7                   families with dependent children, as a condition  
8                   to the continued receipt of such aid (or to con-  
9                   tinuing to be deemed to be a recipient of such  
10                  aid), to report to the State agency monthly (or  
11                  less frequently in the case of such categories of  
12                  recipients as the State may select) on—

13                           “(i) the income of the family, the  
14                           composition of the family, and other rel-  
15                           evant circumstances during the prior  
16                           month; and

17                           “(ii) the income and resources the  
18                           family expects to receive, or any changes in  
19                           circumstances affecting continued eligi-  
20                           bility for, or amount of benefits, the family  
21                           expects to occur, in that month or in fu-  
22                           ture months; and

23                           “(B) in addition to any action that may be  
24                           appropriate based on other reports or informa-

1           tion received by the State agency, the State  
2           agency will—

3                   “(i) take prompt action to adjust the  
4                   amount of assistance payable, as may be  
5                   appropriate, on the basis of the informa-  
6                   tion contained in the report (or upon the  
7                   failure of the family to submit a timely re-  
8                   port); and

9                   “(ii) give the family an appropriate  
10                  explanatory notice concurrent with any ac-  
11                  tion taken under clause (i);”.

12           (d) REPEAL OF PROVISION INADVERTENTLY IN-  
13   CLUDED.—Section 5057 of OBRA-1990, and the amend-  
14   ment made by such section, are hereby repealed, and sec-  
15   tion 1139(d) of the Social Security Act shall be applied  
16   and administered as if such section 5057 had never been  
17   enacted.

18           (e) AMENDMENT RELATED TO SECTION  
19   5105(a)(1)(B).—The second paragraph of section 1631(a)  
20   (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)) is amended by striking “(A)(i) Pay-  
21   ments” and inserting “(2)(A)(i) Payments”.

22           (f) AMENDMENTS RELATED TO SECTION 5105(b).—  
23   Section 1631(a)(2)(C) (42 U.S.C. 1383(a)(2)(C)) is  
24   amended—

1 (1) in clause (i), by striking “to representative”  
2 and inserting “to a representative”;

3 (2) by striking clause (ii);

4 (3) by redesignating clauses (iii), (iv), and (v)  
5 as clauses (ii), (iii), and (iv), respectively; and

6 (4) in clause (iv) (as so redesignated), by strik-  
7 ing “(iii), and (iv)” and inserting “and (iii)”.

8 (g) AMENDMENTS RELATED TO SECTION  
9 5107(a)(2)(B).—Section 1631(c)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C.  
10 1383(c)(1)(B)) is amended by striking “paragraph (1)”  
11 each place such term appears and inserting “subpara-  
12 graph (A)”.

13 (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Each amendment made by  
14 this section shall take effect as if included in the provision  
15 of OBRA–1990 to which the amendment relates at the  
16 time such provision became law.

17 **SEC. 265. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS RELATED TO THE**  
18 **HUMAN RESOURCE AND INCOME SECURITY**  
19 **PROVISIONS OF THE OBRA-1989.**

20 (a) AMENDMENT RELATING TO SECTION 8004(a).—  
21 Section 408(m)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 608(m)(2)(A)) is  
22 amended by striking “a fiscal” and inserting “the fiscal”.

23 (b) AMENDMENT RELATING TO SECTION 8006(a).—  
24 Section 473(a)(6)(B) (42 U.S.C. 673(a)(6)(B)) is amend-

1 ed by striking “474(a)(3)(B)” and inserting  
2 “474(a)(3)(C)”.

3 (c) AMENDMENT RELATING TO SECTION  
4 8007(b)(3).—Subparagraph (D) of section 475(5) (42  
5 U.S.C. 675(5)(D)) is amended by moving such subpara-  
6 graph 2 ems to the right so that the left margin of such  
7 subparagraph is aligned with the left margin of subpara-  
8 graph (C) of such section.

9 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Each amendment made by  
10 this section shall take effect as if the amendment had been  
11 included in the provision of OBRA-1989 to which the  
12 amendment relates, at the time the provision became law.

13 **SEC. 266. TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATED TO THE**  
14 **HUMAN RESOURCE AND INCOME SECURITY**  
15 **PROVISIONS OF THE OBRA-1993.**

16 (a) AMENDMENT RELATING TO SECTION  
17 13713(a).—Section 473(a)(6)(B) (42 U.S.C.  
18 673(a)(6)(B)) is amended by striking “474(a)(3)(C)” and  
19 inserting “474(a)(3)(E)”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
21 this section shall take effect as if the amendment had been  
22 included in the provision of OBRA-1993 to which the  
23 amendment relates, at the time the provision became law.

1 **SEC. 267. ELIMINATION OF OBSOLETE PROVISIONS RELAT-**  
 2 **ING TO TREATMENT OF THE EARNED IN-**  
 3 **COME TAX CREDIT.**

4 (a) TREATMENT OF EITC AS EARNED INCOME.—  
 5 Section 1612(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 1382a(a)(1)) is amended  
 6 by striking subparagraph (C) and by redesignating sub-  
 7 paragraphs (D) and (E) as subparagraphs (C) and (D),  
 8 respectively.

9 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF BENEFITS DUE TO TREAT-  
 10 MENT OF EITC AS EARNED INCOME.—Section 1631(b)  
 11 (42 U.S.C. 1383(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (3)  
 12 and by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as para-  
 13 graphs (3) and (4), respectively.

14 **SEC. 268. REDESIGNATION OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.**

15 Section 1631(e)(6) (42 U.S.C. 1383(e)(6)) is amend-  
 16 ed by redesignating subparagraphs (1) and (2) as sub-  
 17 paragraphs (A) and (B), respectively.

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