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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*

2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the ''Medicare EKG Pay-

5 ment Restoration Act of 1993''.

SEC. 2. SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR INTERPRETATION OF ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (3) of section 1848(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(b)) is amended to read as follows:

"(3) TREATMENT OF INTERPRETATION OF ELECTROCARDIOGRAMS.—The Secretary—

"(A) shall make separate payment under this section for the interpretation of electrocardiograms performed or ordered to be performed as part of or in conjunction with a visit to or a consultation with a physician, and

"(B) shall adjust the relative values established for visits and consultations under subsection (c) so as not to include relative value units for interpretations of electrocardiograms in the relative value for visits and consultations.".

(b) ASSURING BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—Section 1848(c)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(c)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(E) BUDGET NEUTRALITY ADJUSTMENTS.—The Secretary—

"(i) shall reduce the relative values for all services (other than anesthesia serv-

1 ices) established under this paragraph
2 (and, in the case of anesthesia services, the
3 conversion factor established by the Sec-
4 retary for such services) by such percent-
5 age as the Secretary determines to be nec-
6 essary so that, beginning in 1996, the
7 amendment made by section 2(a) of the
8 Medicare EKG Payment Restoration Act
9 of 1993 would not result in expenditures
10 under this section that exceed the amount
11 of such expenditures that would have been
12 made if such amendment had not been
13 made, and

14 ''(ii) shall reduce the amounts deter-
15 mined under subsection (a)(2)(B)(i)(I) by
16 such percentage as the Secretary deter-
17 mines to be required to assure that, taking
18 into account the reductions made under
19 clause (i), the amendment made by section
20 2(a) of the Medicare EKG Payment Res-
21 toration Act of 1993 would not result in
22 expenditures under this section in 1993
23 that exceed the amount of such expendi-
24 tures that would have been made if such
25 amendment had not been made.''.

1   (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1848 of

2 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4) is amended—

3   (1) in subsection (a)(2)(B)(i)(I), by inserting

4   ''and as adjusted under subsection (c)(2)(E)(ii)''

5   after ''for 1993'';

6   (2) in subsection (c)(2)(A)(i), by adding at the

7   end the following: ''Such relative values are subject

8   to adjustment under subparagraph (E)(i).''; and

9   (3) in subsection (i)(1)(B), by adding at the

10   end ''including adjustments under subsection

11   (c)(2)(E),''.

12   (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by

13 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after

14 first day of the fourth month beginning after the date of

15 the enactment of this Act.

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