

105TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 3162

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay implementation of the interim payment system to home health agencies for home health services provided under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 1998

Mr. WATKINS (for himself and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay implementation of the interim payment system to home health agencies for home health services provided under the Medicare Program.

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. DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERIM PAY-**  
4 **MENT SYSTEM TO HOME HEALTH AGENCIES.**

5 (a) DELAY OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SYSTEM.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(v)(1)(L) of the  
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)), as

1 amended by section 4602 of the Balanced Budget  
2 Act of 1997, is amended in clauses (v) and (vi) by  
3 striking “October 1, 1997,” each place it appears  
4 and inserting “October 1, 1998,”.

5 (2) DELAY IN ESTABLISHMENT OF PER BENE-  
6 FICIARY LIMITS UNDER INTERIM PAYMENT SYS-  
7 TEM.—Section 1861(v)(1)(L)(vii) of the Social Secu-  
8 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)(vii)), as added  
9 by section 4602(c) of the Balanced Budget Act of  
10 1997, is amended by striking “per beneficiary limits  
11 under clause (v)(I) for fiscal year 1998” and insert-  
12 ing “per beneficiary limits under clause (v)(I) for  
13 fiscal year 1999”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15 subsection (a) shall apply as if included in the enactment  
16 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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