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# H. R. 1490

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify the definition of homebound with respect to home health services under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 2001

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. KING, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. HOLT, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BALDACCI, Mr. MEEHAN, Mr. HILLIARD, Mr. RILEY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. KUCINICH, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. SANDLIN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. GORDON, Mr. INSLEE, Mr. REYES, Mr. ANDREWS, and Mr. DEFAZIO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and 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

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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 “Homebound Clarifica-  
5 tion Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF THE DEFINITION OF HOME-**  
2 **BOUND.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Sections 1814(a) and 1835(a) of  
4 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a); 1395n(a)),  
5 as amended by section 507(a)(1)(B) of BIPA (114 Stat.  
6 2763A–532), are each amended by striking the last two  
7 sentences and inserting the following: “Any other absence  
8 of an individual from the home, including any absence for  
9 the purpose of attending a religious service, shall not so  
10 disqualify the individual.”.

11 (b) **TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**—(1) The fifth sen-  
12 tence of such sections 1814(a) and 1835(a), as amended  
13 by section 507(a)(1)(A) of BIPA (114 Stat. 2763A–532),  
14 is amended by striking “leave home,” and inserting “leave  
15 home and”.

16 (2) Such section 1814(a) is further amended by mov-  
17 ing the sixth sentence, as added by section 322(a)(1) of  
18 BIPA (114 Stat. 2763A–501), to the end of that section.

19 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
20 this section shall take effect as if included in the enact-  
21 ment of section 507(a) of BIPA (114 Stat. 2763A–532).

22 (d) **REFERENCES TO BIPA.**—In this section, the  
23 term “BIPA” means the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP  
24 Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (appen-

1 dix F, 114 Stat. 2763A-463), as enacted into law by sec-  
2 tion 1(a)(6) of Public Law 106-554.

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