

107TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5464

To amend section 4531(c) of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 to permit payment for ALS intercept services furnished in areas other than rural areas and other than through a volunteer ambulance service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2002

Mr. PLATTS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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 Paramedic
5 Intercept Services Coverage Expansion Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF COVERAGE OF MEDICARE PARA-**
2 **MEDIC INTERCEPT SERVICES.**

3 (a) **EXPANSION OF PAYMENT AREAS.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Section 4531(c) of the Bal-
5 anced Budget Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(7)
6 note, 111 Stat. 452) is amended—

7 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1)
8 by striking “in a rural area”;

9 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking “are pro-
10 vided under a contract with one or more volun-
11 teer ambulance services and”;

12 (C) by striking paragraph (2); and

13 (D) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
14 paragraph (2).

15 (2) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—**The heading of
16 such section is amended by striking “IN RURAL
17 COMMUNITIES”.

18 (b) **PAYMENTS NOT COUNTED IN COMPUTING AMBU-**
19 **LANCE FEE SCHEDULE.—**Payments attributable to the
20 amendment made by subsection (a)(1) shall not be taken
21 into account in determining an aggregate amount of pay-
22 ments under section 1834(l)(3)(A) of the Social Security
23 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(3)(A)).

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section apply with respect to services furnished on or
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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