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H. R. 3258

To extend for a 2 year certain geographic practice cost index (GPCI) adjustments under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 25, 2011

Mr. BRALEY of Iowa (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. KIND, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. INSLEE) 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 Equity Ex-
5 tension Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. 2-YEAR EXTENSION OF CERTAIN MEDICARE GPCI**
2 **ADJUSTMENTS.**

3 (a) EXTENSION OF MEDICARE PRACTICE EXPENSE
4 GEOGRAPHIC ADJUSTMENT UNDER PPACA.—Section
5 1848(e)(1)(H) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395w(e)(1)(H)) is amended—

7 (1) in clause (ii)—

8 (A) in the heading, by inserting “, 2012, OR
9 2013” after “FOR 2011”; and

10 (B) by inserting “, 2012, or 2013” after
11 “during 2011”; and

12 (2) in clause (iii), by striking “or 2011” and in-
13 serting “, 2011, 2012, or 2013”.

14 (b) FURTHER EXTENSION OF MEDICARE WORK GE-
15 OGRAPHIC ADJUSTMENT FLOOR UNDER MMEA.—Sec-
16 tion 1848(e)(1)(E) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
17 1395w-4(e)(1)(E)), as amended by section 103 of the
18 Medicare and Medicaid Extenders Act of 2010 (Public
19 Law 111-309), is amended by striking “before January
20 1, 2012” and inserting “before January 1, 2014”.

21 **SEC. 3. SUNSET OF SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR FRONTIER**
22 **STATES UNDER SECTION 10324 OF PPACA.**

23 (a) AREA WAGE INDEX FLOOR FOR INPATIENT HOS-
24 PITAL SERVICES.—Section 1886(d)(3)(E)(iii)(I) of the
25 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(d)(3)(E)(iii)(I)),
26 as added by section 10324(a)(1)(B) of the Patient Protec-

1 tion and Affordable Care Act, is amended by inserting
2 “and before January 1, 2012” after “October 1, 2010,”.

3 (b) AREA WAGE ADJUSTMENT FLOOR FOR HOS-
4 PITAL OUTPATIENT SERVICES.—Section 1833(t)(19)(A)
5 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(19)(A)),
6 as added by section 10324(b)(2) of the Patient Protection
7 and Affordable Care Act, is amended by inserting “and
8 before January 1, 2012” after “January 1, 2011,”.

9 (c) PRACTICE INDEX FLOOR FOR PHYSICIANS’ SERV-
10 ICES.—Section 1848(e)(1)(I)(i) of the Social Security Act
11 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(e)(1)(I)(i)), as added by section
12 10324(c)(2) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
13 Act, is amended by inserting “and before January 1,
14 2012” after “January 1, 2011,”.

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