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S. RES. 314

To express the sense of the Senate regarding the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make adjustments to payments made to skilled nursing facilities under the Medicare Program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 21 (legislative day, OCTOBER 2), 1998

Mr. HATCH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance

RESOLUTION

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1 *Resolved,*

2 **SECTION 1. SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING AUTHOR-**
3 **ITY OF SECRETARY, COLLECTION OF DATA,**
4 **AND REPORT TO CONGRESS.**

5 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—It is the sense of the Senate that
6 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in making
7 payments under the prospective payment system for
8 skilled nursing facilities pursuant to section 1888(e) of the

1 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395yy(e)), has the au-
 2 thority under section 1888(e)(4)(G)(i) of such Act to pro-
 3 vide for an appropriate adjustment to account for case mix
 4 which reflects a patient's medical needs requiring the pro-
 5 vision of non-therapy ancillary services (such as res-
 6 piratory therapy, pharmacy, laboratory, X-ray, and paren-
 7 teral and enteral services, and covered durable medical
 8 supplies).

9 (b) DATA.—It is the sense of the Senate that the Sec-
 10 retary of Health and Human Services should gather suffi-
 11 cient data on the provision of non-therapy ancillary serv-
 12 ices by skilled nursing facilities that are paid under the
 13 prospective payment system pursuant to section 1888(e)
 14 of the Social Security Act in order to develop the appro-
 15 priate adjustment for case mix under section
 16 1888(e)(4)(G)(i) of such Act.

17 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the
 18 Senate that the Secretary of Health and Human Services
 19 should periodically report to Congress on the development
 20 of the appropriate adjustment for case mix under section
 21 1888(e)(4)(G)(i) of the Social Security Act which reflects
 22 a patient's medical needs requiring the provision of non-
 23 therapy ancillary services.

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