

106TH CONGRESS
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S. 1625

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a special reclassification rule for certain old agencies as new agencies under the home health interim payment system.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 1999

Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. SPECIAL RECLASSIFICATION RULE FOR CER-**
4 **TAIN OLD AGENCIES AS NEW AGENCIES**
5 **UNDER THE HOME HEALTH INTERIM PAY-**
6 **MENT SYSTEM.**

7 (a) BBA AMENDMENT.—Section 1861(v)(1)(L) of
8 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)) (as

1 amended by section 5101 of the Tax and Trade Relief Ex-
 2 tension Act of 1998) (contained in division J of Public
 3 Law 105–277)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 4 lowing:

5 “(x)(I) In the case of an applicable agency (as defined
 6 in subclause (II)), the per beneficiary limitation for such
 7 agency shall be established under clause (vi)(I) instead of
 8 under clause (v).

9 “(II) In this clause, the term ‘applicable agency’
 10 means an agency that—

11 “(aa) began participation in the medicare pro-
 12 gram under this title between January 1, 1978, and
 13 January 1, 1988;

14 “(bb) had a 12-month cost reporting period
 15 ending in fiscal year 1994; and

16 “(cc) is located in Penobscot County, Maine.”.

17 (b) TAX AND TRADE RELIEF EXTENSION ACT
 18 AMENDMENT.—Section 1861(v)(1)(L)(x)(I) of the Social
 19 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(v)(1)(L)(x)(I)) (as added
 20 by subsection (a)) is amended by inserting “(and clause
 21 (viii)(II) for cost reporting periods beginning during or
 22 after fiscal year 1999)” after “clause (vi)(I)”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

1 (1) BBA AMENDMENT.—The amendment made
2 by subsection (a) shall take effect as if included in
3 the enactment of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

4 (2) TAX AND TRADE RELIEF EXTENSION ACT
5 AMENDMENT.—The amendment made by subsection
6 (b) shall take effect as if included in the enactment
7 of the Tax and Trade Relief Extension Act of 1998)
8 (contained in division J of Public Law 105–277).

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