

107TH CONGRESS
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S. 1736

To provide for the reclassification of certain counties for purposes of reimbursement under the medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 28, 2001

Mr. THOMPSON (for himself and Mr. FRIST) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To provide for the reclassification of certain counties for purposes of reimbursement under the medicare program.

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. THREE-YEAR RECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN**
4 **COUNTIES FOR PURPOSES OF REIMBURSE-**
5 **MENT UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, effective
7 for discharges occurring during fiscal years 2002, 2003,
8 and 2004, for purposes of making payments under sub-
9 sections (d) and (j) of section 1886 of the Social Security
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww) to hospitals (including rehabilita-

1 tion hospitals and rehabilitation units under such sub-
2 section (j)) in Anderson, Blount, Knox, Loudon, Sevier,
3 and Union Counties, Tennessee, such counties are deemed
4 to be located in the Chattanooga, TN-GA Metropolitan
5 Statistical Area. For purposes of such section, the reclassi-
6 fications made under the preceding sentence shall be treat-
7 ed as decisions of the Medicare Geographic Classification
8 Review Board under subsection (d)(10) of such section.

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