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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF: P.L. 100-360

TITLE: Medicare Catastrophic Coverage Act of 1988

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DATE: July 1, 1988

LENGTH: 135 p.

ENACTED-BILL: 100 H.R. 2470

STAT: 102 Stat. 683

CONG-SESS: 100-2

ITEM-NO: 575

SUMMARY:

"To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide protection against catastrophic medical expenses under the medicare program, and for other purposes."

Expands medicare coverage of hospital (Part A) and physician (Part B) catastrophic costs resulting from acute illnesses, and provides for financing of coverage improvements through supplemental premiums and income tax surcharges for medicare beneficiaries.

Includes provisions to place a ceiling on beneficiary annual out-of-pocket expenses for physician and other medicare-covered services.

Provides up to 365 days of covered acute hospital care annually, and limits the initial deductible to one hospitalization in each year.

Establishes the Federal Hospital Insurance Catastrophic Coverage Reserve Fund.

Expands coverage of skilled nursing home care from 100 to 150 days a year, and eliminates the prior hospitalization requirement.

Expands coverage for home health services and hospice care, including reimbursement for up to 80 hours of annual home care to provide respite for family caregivers.

Provides for medicare coverage of prescription drugs, after an annual deduction, financed through supplemental premiums, and establishes a Federal Catastrophic Drug Insurance Trust Fund to administer prescription drug benefit payments.

Provides for medicare coverage of at-home intravenous drug therapy and of screening mammography.

Revises provisions relating to Federal certification of medicare supplemental health insurance policies.

Requires HHS to provide beneficiaries with annual information on medicare coverage and limitations.

Requires State medicaid programs to pay Part B premiums for certain elderly and disabled medicare beneficiaries with incomes below the poverty line.

Expands medicaid coverage of needy pregnant women and infants.

Revises rules for treatment of income and resources of medicaid-eligible nursing home patients and their spouses, and increases the spousal monthly income allowance.

Establishes the U.S. Bipartisan Commission on Comprehensive Health Care to assess the current health care delivery and financing system and to make recommendations.

Amends numerous health care provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987.

Requires OPM to reduce health insurance rates for medicare-eligible Federal retirees participating in catastrophic health coverage under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Plan.

Requires HHS to establish demonstration projects on case management services for medicare beneficiaries with catastrophic illnesses, to conduct research on long-term care delivery and financing, and to conduct a survey of adult day care services.

Establishes the Advisory Committee on Medicare Home Health Claims.

Revises civil penalties for medicare program violations and establishes penalties for misuse of Social Security or Medicare emblems.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This legislative history covers actions relating to medicare catastrophic coverage, beginning with the 98th Congress. Earlier Congresses also considered legislation to provide Federal or federally mandated insurance for catastrophic health expenses, notably as a component of national health system proposals.

CONTENT-NOTATION: Catastrophic illness medicare coverage revision

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LENGTH: iii+264 p.

SUDOC: Y4.W36:99-55

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