

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2443

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2009

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts 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

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## A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to ambulance services 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Ambulance  
5 Access Preservation Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT RETENTION TO ACCESS TO GROUND**  
2 **AMBULANCE SERVICES IN RURAL AND**  
3 **URBAN AREAS UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**  
4 **GRAM.**

5 Section 1834(l)(13) of the Social Security Act (42  
6 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(13)) is amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by striking “TEMPORARY”;

8 and

9 (2) in subparagraph (A)—

10 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by  
11 striking “and before January 1, 2010”;

12 (B) in clause (i), by inserting “, or 6 per-  
13 cent if such service is furnished on or after  
14 January 1, 2010” after “2010”; and

15 (C) in clause (ii), by inserting “, or 6 per-  
16 cent if such service is furnished on or after  
17 January 1, 2010” after “2010”; and

18 (3) in subparagraph (B), by adding at the end  
19 the following new sentence: “The preceding sentence  
20 shall not apply to payments for services furnished on  
21 or after January 1, 2010.”

1 **SEC. 3. PERMANENT RETENTION TO ACCESS TO AMBU-**  
2 **LANCE SERVICES IN SUPER RURAL AREAS**  
3 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1834(l)(12)(A) of the Social Security Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(12)(A)) is amended by striking “and be-  
6 fore January 1, 2010,”.

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