

111TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1066

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2009

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CONRAD, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LEAHY, and Mr. SANDERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

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

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT RETENTION OF 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 OF 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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