

113TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2986

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 2, 2013

Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. JONES) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Protecting Access to  
5       Primary Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY MEDICARE PAYMENT**  
2 **RATE FLOOR TO PRIMARY CARE SERVICES**  
3 **FURNISHED BY HEALTH CARE PRACTI-**  
4 **TIONERS UNDER MEDICAID.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1902(a)(13)(C) of the So-  
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(13)(C)) is amend-  
7 ed—

8 (1) by inserting “or a health care practitioner  
9 who is a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or  
10 clinical nurse specialist (as such terms are defined in  
11 section 1861(aa)(5)) or a certified nurse midwife (as  
12 defined in section 1861(gg)(2))” after “pediatric  
13 medicine”; and

14 (2) by striking “such services and physician”  
15 and inserting “such services and physician or health  
16 care practitioner”.

17 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
18 subsection (a) shall apply to items and services furnished  
19 on or after the first day of the first calendar quarter that  
20 begins after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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