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# S. 1108

To require application of budget neutrality on a national basis in the calculation of the Medicare hospital wage index floor for each all-urban and rural State.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 20, 2009

Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. DODD, and Mr. LIEBERMAN) 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 “Safeguarding Our Hos-  
5 pitals’ Futures Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLICATION OF BUDGET NEUTRALITY ON A NA-**  
2 **TIONAL BASIS IN THE CALCULATION OF THE**  
3 **MEDICARE HOSPITAL WAGE INDEX FLOOR**  
4 **FOR EACH ALL-URBAN AND RURAL STATE.**

5 In the case of discharges occurring on or after Octo-  
6 ber 1, 2009, for purposes of applying section 4410 of the  
7 Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww note)  
8 and paragraph (h)(4) of section 412.64 of title 42, Code  
9 of Federal Regulations, the Secretary of Health and  
10 Human Services shall administer subsection (b) of such  
11 section 4410 and paragraph (e) of such section 412.64  
12 in the same manner as the Secretary administered such  
13 subsection (b) and paragraph (e) for discharges occurring  
14 during fiscal year 2008 (through a uniform, national ad-  
15 justment to the area wage index).

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