

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MS. MACE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Add at the end the following new section:

1 **SEC. _____. REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO ASK THE CITIZEN-**
2 **SHIP STATUS OF PATIENTS AS A CONDITION**
3 **OF PARTICIPATION IN MEDICARE.**

4 Section 1866 of the Social Security Act is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (X), by striking
7 “and” at the end;

8 (B) in subparagraph (Y), by striking the
9 period at the end and inserting “, and”; and

10 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (Y)
11 the following new subparagraph:

12 “(Z) beginning 180 days after the date of the
13 enactment of this subparagraph, in the case of a
14 hospital, critical access hospital, or rural emergency
15 hospital—

16 “(i) with respect to each intake form (or
17 its equivalent) provided in connection with
18 items or services furnished by such hospital,
19 critical access hospital, or rural emergency hos-
20 pital to an individual, to ask on such form

1 whether such individual is a citizen or national
2 of the United States; and

3 “(ii) not later than 1 year after the date
4 of the enactment of this subparagraph, and an-
5 nually thereafter, to submit to the Secretary a
6 report including, with respect to the previous
7 year—

8 “(I) the number of individuals who
9 are not citizens or nationals of the United
10 States to whom items or services were fur-
11 nished by such hospital, critical access hos-
12 pital, or rural emergency hospital; and

13 “(II) the dollar amount of any uncom-
14 pensated care furnished by such hospital,
15 critical access hospital, or rural emergency
16 hospital to such individuals.”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 section:

19 “(1) REPORT ON COST OF HOSPITAL SERVICES FUR-
20 NISHED TO NONCITIZENS.—Not later than one year after
21 the date of the enactment of this subsection, and annually
22 thereafter, the Secretary shall make publicly available a
23 report on, with respect to the previous year—

24 “(1) the dollar amount of any uncompensated
25 care furnished by hospitals, critical access hospitals,

1 and rural emergency hospitals to individuals who are
2 not citizens or nationals of the United States, as de-
3 termined based on the findings of reports submitted
4 pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(Z)(ii); and
5 “(2) the amount of Federal expenditures under
6 this title and title XIX that would not have been
7 made in the absence of such uncompensated care, as
8 determined by the Secretary.”.

