

**[DISCUSSION DRAFT]**

1 **TITLE \_\_\_\_\_—MEDICARE BENE-**  
2 **FICIARY PROPOSALS (MAY 21**  
3 **HEARING)**

4 **SEC. \_\_0. LISTING OF PROPOSALS.**

5 The following are Medicare beneficiary proposals in-  
6 cluded in this draft:

Sec. \_\_0. Listing of proposals.

Sec. \_\_1. Increase in Medicare part B deductible for new enrollees.

Sec. \_\_3. Increase in income-related premiums under Medicare parts B and D.

Sec. \_\_3. Establishment of copayment for home health services.

7 **SEC. \_\_1. INCREASE IN MEDICARE PART B DEDUCTIBLE**  
8 **FOR NEW ENROLLEES.**

9 Section 1833 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 1395l) is amended—

11 (1) in the first sentence of subsection (b), by in-  
12 serting “(subject to subsection (z))” after “for a  
13 subsequent year”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
15 section:

16 “(z) INCREASE IN DEDUCTIBLE FOR NEW ENROLL-  
17 EES.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In applying subsection (b),  
19 subject to paragraph (2), the amount of the deduct-  
20 ible—



1 (i) by striking “IN GENERAL.—” and  
2 inserting “IN GENERAL.—(I) For calendar  
3 years prior to 2017.”; and

4 (ii) by adding at the end the following  
5 new subclause:

6 “(II) For calendar year 2017 and  
7 each subsequent calendar year:

<b>“If the modified adjusted gross is:</b>	<b>The applicable percentage is:</b>
More than \$85,000 but not more than \$92,333.	40 percent
More than \$92,333 but not more than \$99,667.	46.5 percent
More than \$99,667 but not more than \$107,000.	53 percent
More than \$107,000 but not more than \$124,667.	59.3 percent
More than \$124,667 but not more than \$142,333.	66 percent
More than \$142,333 but not more than \$160,000.	72.5 percent
More than \$160,000 but not more than \$178,000.	79 percent
More than \$178,000 but not more than \$196,000.	85.5 percent
More than \$196,000 .....	90 percent.”.

8 (b) TEMPORARY ADJUSTMENT TO THE CALCULATION  
9 OF MEDICARE PART B AND PART D PREMIUMS.—Section  
10 1839(i)(6) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 1395r(i)(6)) is amended, in the matter preceding subpara-  
12 graph (A), by striking “December 31, 2019” and inserting  
13 “December 31 of the first year after the year in which  
14 at least 25 percent of individuals enrolled under this part  
15 are subject to a reduction under this subsection to the

1 monthly amount of the premium subsidy applicable to the  
2 premium under this section”.

3 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF COPAYMENT FOR HOME**  
4 **HEALTH SERVICES.**

5 (a) REDUCTION.—Section 1895(b) of the Social Se-  
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395fff) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (4)(A), by striking “The pay-  
8 ment amount” and inserting “Subject to paragraph  
9 (7), the payment amount”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(7) COPAYMENTS.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
13 subparagraph (C), with respect to an episode of  
14 home health services furnished to an individual  
15 beginning in 2017 or a subsequent year, the  
16 amount otherwise payable under this section  
17 shall be reduced by a copayment amount speci-  
18 fied in subparagraph (B) for the year .

19 “(B) COPAYMENT AMOUNT.—The copay-  
20 ment amount specified in this subparagraph—

21 “(i) for 2017 is \$100; or

22 “(ii) for a subsequent year is the co-  
23 payment amount specified in this subpara-  
24 graph for the previous year increased by  
25 the annual percentage increase in the

1           monthly actuarial rate under section  
2           1839(a)(1) ending with such subsequent  
3           year (rounded to the nearest \$1).

4           “(C) EXCEPTIONS.—Subparagraph (A)  
5           shall not apply with respect to an episode of  
6           home health services furnished to an individual  
7           if—

8                   “(i) the episode is an episode of home  
9                   health services to which a low-utilization  
10                  payment adjustment described in section  
11                  484.205 of title 42 of the Code of Federal  
12                  Regulations (or any successor regulation to  
13                  such section) applies;

14                   “(ii) the episode includes post-institu-  
15                   tional home health services (as defined in  
16                   section 1861(tt)(1)); or

17                   “(iii) the individual is entitled to bene-  
18                   fits under part A or enrolled under part B  
19                   before January 1, 2017.”.

20           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

21                   (1) The first sentence of section 1866(a)(2)(A)  
22                   of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
23                   1395cc(a)(2)(A)) is amended—

24                           (A) by inserting “, copayment amount,”  
25                           after “the amount of any deduction”; and

1 (B) by striking “or section 1861(y)(3)”  
2 and inserting “section 1861(y)(3), or section  
3 1895(b)(7)”.

4 (2) Section 1813(a) of the Social Security Act  
5 (42 U.S.C. 1395e(a)) is amended by adding at the  
6 end the following new paragraph:

7 “(5) For provision establishing a copayment for  
8 home health services, see section 1895(b)(7).”.