

Summary of Changes to H.R. _____
 Contained in the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute
 to the "Medicare Refinement and Benefits Improvements Act of 2000"
 October 3, 2000

<i>Section</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Explanation of Change</i>
104	9	Clarifies annual screening pap smear tests would be available to all women each year.
106	11	Adds provision modernizing screening mammography benefit
107	14	Adds provision clarifying scope of drugs and biologicals covered under Part B
202	20	Modifies reimbursement for hospital bad debt
208	26	Restores two percent reduction for 2001 for inpatient rehabilitation hospital services
209	27	Changes incentive payments from four percent to three percent.
210	28	Changes long-term care hospital cap increase from five percent to two percent. Changes target amount for long-term care from fifteen to twenty five percent.
223	31	Adds new subsections clarifying SNF consolidated billing requirement.
301	37	Adjusts disproportionate share percentages
321	45	Adds sentence clarifying metropolitan statistical area measurements.
324	48	Adds language clarifying various tele-health payments and services.
325	52	Adds provision expanding access to rural health clinics
401	53	Clarifies timing of outpatient PPS hospital payments
402	54	Clarifies transition rules for new outpatient pass through methodology
416	65	Adds language including full update for orthotics and prosthetics.
419	71	Adds study on coverage of surgical first assisting services by certified registered nurse first assistants

502	72	Clarification of special rule for adjusted prospective payment amounts for home health agencies
512	77	Clarifies calculation of payments for nursing and allied health education costs
521	78	Instructs Secretary to act expeditiously on HCPCS coding modification applications
543	115	Extends time for retention of HCPCS Level III codes
604	122	Changes minimum update for M+C plans to 4% in 2001
608	123	Clarifies types of data to be used in risk adjustment for M+C plans
626	131	Adds provision allowing M+C enrollees to return to home SNF after hospital discharge
631	131	Extending SHMO demonstration one additional year
