

1 “(f) Notwithstanding subsection (a), in the case of an
 2 individual who enrolls during a special enrollment period
 3 pursuant to section 1837(k), the coverage period shall begin
 4 on the first day of the month following the month in which
 5 the individual so enrolls.”.

6 (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—The amendment made by sub-
 7 section (a)(1) shall apply to months beginning with Janu-
 8 ary 2007 and the amendments made by subsection (a)(2)
 9 shall take effect on January 1, 2007.

10 **Subtitle C—Provisions Relating to**
 11 **Parts A and B**

12 **SEC. 5201. HOME HEALTH PAYMENTS.**

13 (a) *2006 UPDATE.*—Section 1895(b)(3)(B)(ii) of the
 14 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395fff(b)(3)(B)(ii)) is
 15 amended—

16 (1) in subclause (III), by striking “each of 2005
 17 and 2006” and inserting “all of 2005”;

18 (2) by striking “or” at the end of subclause (III);

19 (3) in subclause (IV), by striking “2007 and”
 20 and by redesignating such subclause as subclause (V);
 21 and

22 (4) by inserting after subclause (III) the fol-
 23 lowing new subclause:

24 “(IV) 2006, 0 percent; and”.

1 **(b) APPLYING RURAL ADD-ON POLICY FOR 2006.**—
 2 Section 421(a) of Medicare Prescription Drug, Improve-
 3 ment, and Modernization Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–173;
 4 117 Stat. 2283) is amended by inserting “and episodes and
 5 visits beginning on or after January 1, 2006, and before
 6 January 1, 2007,” after “April 1, 2005.”

7 **(c) HOME HEALTH CARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT.**—
 8 Section 1895(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 9 1395fff(b)(3)(B)) is amended—

10 (1) in clause (ii)(V), as redesignated by sub-
 11 section (a)(3), by inserting “subject to clause (v),”
 12 after “subsequent year,”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 14 clause:

15 “(v) **ADJUSTMENT IF QUALITY DATA**
 16 **NOT SUBMITTED.**—

17 “(I) **ADJUSTMENT.**—For purposes
 18 of clause (ii)(V), for 2007 and each
 19 subsequent year, in the case of a home
 20 health agency that does not submit
 21 data to the Secretary in accordance
 22 with subclause (II) with respect to such
 23 a year, the home health market basket
 24 percentage increase applicable under
 25 such clause for such year shall be re-

1 *duced by 2 percentage points. Such re-*
2 *duction shall apply only with respect*
3 *to the year involved, and the Secretary*
4 *shall not take into account such reduc-*
5 *tion in computing the prospective pay-*
6 *ment amount under this section for a*
7 *subsequent year, and the Medicare*
8 *Payment Advisory Commission shall*
9 *carry out the requirements under sec-*
10 *tion 5201(d) of the Deficit Reduction*
11 *Act of 2005.*

12 *“(II) SUBMISSION OF QUALITY*
13 *DATA.—For 2007 and each subsequent*
14 *year, each home health agency shall*
15 *submit to the Secretary such data that*
16 *the Secretary determines are appro-*
17 *priate for the measurement of health*
18 *care quality. Such data shall be sub-*
19 *mitted in a form and manner, and at*
20 *a time, specified by the Secretary for*
21 *purposes of this clause.*

22 *“(III) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF*
23 *DATA SUBMITTED.—The Secretary*
24 *shall establish procedures for making*
25 *data submitted under subclause (II)*

1 *available to the public. Such proce-*
2 *dures shall ensure that a home health*
3 *agency has the opportunity to review*
4 *the data that is to be made public with*
5 *respect to the agency prior to such data*
6 *being made public.”.*

7 (d) *MEDPAC REPORT ON VALUE BASED PUR-*
8 *CHASING.—*

9 (1) *IN GENERAL.—Not later than June 1, 2007,*
10 *the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission shall*
11 *submit to Congress a report that includes rec-*
12 *ommendations on a detailed structure of value based*
13 *payment adjustments for home health services under*
14 *the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social*
15 *Security Act. Such report shall include recommenda-*
16 *tions concerning the determination of thresholds, the*
17 *size of such payments, sources of funds, and the rela-*
18 *tionship of payments for improvement and attain-*
19 *ment of quality.*

20 (2) *FUNDING.—Out of any funds in the Treas-*
21 *ury not otherwise appropriated, there are appro-*
22 *priated to the Medicare Payment Advisory Commis-*
23 *sion \$550,000, to carry out this subsection.*