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112TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend Medicare physician payment rates for 1 year.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BURGESS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “Assuring Medicare  
5 Stability and Access for Seniors Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. 1-YEAR EXTENSION OF MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAY-**  
2 **MENT RATES.**

3 Section 1848(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
4 1395w-4(d)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(14) UPDATE FOR 2013.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraphs  
8 (7)(B), (8)(B), (9)(B), (10)(B), (11)(B),  
9 (12)(B), and (13)(B), in lieu of the update to  
10 the single conversion factor established in para-  
11 graph (1)(C) that would otherwise apply for  
12 2013, the update to the single conversion factor  
13 shall be zero percent.

14 “(B) NO EFFECT ON COMPUTATION OF  
15 CONVERSION FACTOR FOR 2014 AND SUBSE-  
16 QUENT YEARS.—The conversion factor under  
17 this subsection shall be computed under para-  
18 graph (1)(A) for 2014 and subsequent years as  
19 if subparagraph (A) had never applied.”.