

**AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. WALDEN OF  
OREGON (FOR HIMSELF AND MR. WHITFIELD)  
TO MR. TAUZIN'S AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE  
OF A SUBSTITUTE TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT**

**(Page & line nos. refer to Committee Print of 6/13/03)**

At the end of title IV (page 193, after line 15) insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 415. TWO-YEAR INCREASE FOR HOME HEALTH SERV-**  
2 **ICES FURNISHED IN A RURAL AREA.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of home health serv-  
4 ices furnished in a rural area (as defined in section  
5 1886(d)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1395ww(d)(2)(D))) during 2004 and 2005, the Secretary  
7 shall increase the payment amount otherwise made under  
8 section 1895 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395fff) for such  
9 services by 5 percent.

10 (b) WAIVING BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—The Secretary  
11 shall not reduce the standard prospective payment amount  
12 (or amounts) under section 1895 of the Social Security  
13 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395fff) applicable to home health services  
14 furnished during a period to offset the increase in pay-  
15 ments resulting from the application of subsection (a).