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OFFERED BY MS. Wilson

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At the end of title I [page 19, after line 16], add the following new section:

SEC. 106. DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall establish a demonstration program under which the Secretary makes grants to small physician practices (including such practices that furnish services to individuals with chronic illnesses) that are located in rural areas or medically underserved urban areas for the purchase and support of health information technology.

(b) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an applicant shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of Health and Human Services an application, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(c) REPORTING.—

1 (1) REQUIRED REPORTS BY SMALL PHYSICIAN
2 PRACTICES.—A small physician practice receiving a
3 grant under subsection (a) shall submit to the Sec-
4 retary of Health and Human Services an evaluation
5 on the health information technology funded by such
6 grant. Such evaluation shall include information
7 on—
8 (A) barriers to the adoption of health in-
9 formation technology by the small physician
10 practice;
11 (B) issues for such practice in the use of
12 health information technology;
13 (C) the effect health information tech-
14 nology will have on the quality of health care
15 furnished by such practice; and
16 (D) the effect of the rules under sections
17 1128A, 1128B, and 1877 of the Social Security
18 Act and any medical liability rules on such
19 practice.
20 (2) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
21 January 1, 2009, the Secretary of Health and
22 Human Services shall submit to Congress a report
23 on the results of the demonstration program under
24 this section.

1 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
3 $5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 and 2008.