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H. R. 3269

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 27, 2011

Mr. OLSON (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. LATHAM, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. NUNES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. LANCE, Mr. HARPER, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. BARROW, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, Mrs. BONO MACK, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. RUNYAN, Mr. BOREN, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. BONNER, Mr. STIVERS, and Mr. SCHOCK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Diagnostic Imaging
3 Services Access Protection Act of 2011”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds that—

6 (1) Medicare payments for imaging services
7 have been substantially reduced by various actions of
8 the Congress and the Secretary of Health and
9 Human Services;

10 (2) further significant reductions to Medicare
11 payments for these services may hinder the access of
12 Medicare beneficiaries to imaging services; and

13 (3) additional study of the issue should be un-
14 dertaken before further cuts to Medicare payment
15 for imaging services are applied.

16 **SEC. 3. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR IMAGING SERVICES.**

17 Section 1848(b)(4) of the Social Security Act (42
18 U.S.C. 1395w-4(b)(4)) is amended by adding at the end
19 the following new subparagraph:

20 “(E) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION OF
21 MULTIPLE PROCEDURE PAYMENT REDUC-
22 TION.—The Secretary shall not apply a multiple
23 procedure payment reduction policy to the pro-
24 fessional component of imaging services—

25 “(i) furnished in 2012; or

1 “(ii) furnished in 2013 or a subse-
2 quent year unless the reduction is based on
3 the data, analysis, and conclusions of a
4 study completed by an expert panel of phy-
5 sician members from a national medical
6 specialty society expert in the field of diag-
7 nostic imaging services (such as the Amer-
8 ican College of Radiology).”.

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