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To prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services replacing ICD-9 with ICD-10 in implementing the HIPAA code set standards.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 16, 2013

Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. PAUL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Cutting Costly Codes
5 Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING REPLACEMENT OF ICD-9 WITH ICD-10**
2 **IN IMPLEMENTING HIPAA CODE SET STAND-**
3 **ARDS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services may not implement, administer, or en-
6 force the regulations issued on January 16, 2009 (74 Fed.
7 Reg. 3328), the regulation issued on September 5, 2012
8 (77 Fed. Reg. 54664), or any similar regulation, insofar
9 as any such regulation provides for the replacement of
10 ICD-9 with ICD-10 as a standard for code sets under
11 section 1173(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1320d-2(c)) and section 162.1002 of title 45, Code of
13 Federal Regulations.

14 (b) GAO REPORT ON ICD-9 REPLACEMENT.—

15 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
16 United States, in consultation with stakeholders in
17 the medical community, shall conduct a study to
18 identify steps that can be taken to mitigate the dis-
19 ruption on health care providers resulting from a re-
20 placement of ICD-9 as such a standard.

21 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after
22 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comp-
23 troller General shall submit to each House of Con-
24 gress a report on such study. Such report shall in-
25 clude such recommendations respecting such replace-
26 ment and such legislative and administrative steps

- 1 as may be appropriate to mitigate the disruption re-
- 2 sulting from such replacement as the Comptroller
- 3 General determines appropriate.

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