H. R. 4614

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2016

Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. KIND) 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,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Access to
5 Radiology Care Act of 2016”. 
SEC. 2. ALIGNING PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES PERFORMED BY ADVANCED LEVEL RADIOGRAPHERS WITH STATE REQUIREMENTS.

(a) In General.—Section 1834(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6), by inserting “, subject to paragraph (7),” after “includes radiology services”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(7) Treatment of services performed by advanced level radiographers.—For purposes of paragraph (6), in the case of radiology services performed by an advanced level radiographer (as defined in section 1861(iii)) in a State that has established standards for the direction or supervision by a physician of such a radiographer performing such services, such services shall be treated as performed under the direction or supervision of a physician to the extent required under such State law.”.

(b) Advanced Level Radiographer Defined.—
is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
section:

“(iii) ADVANCED LEVEL RADIOGRAPHER.—The term
‘advanced level radiographer’ means a radiographer who
is certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Tech-
nologists as a registered radiologist assistant or by the
Certification Board for Radiology Practitioner Assistants
as a radiology practitioner assistant to perform radiology
services under the supervision of a radiologist.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
this section shall apply with respect to services performed
on or after the date that is 60 days after the date of the
enactment of this Act.