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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 17, 2016

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Access to Radiology Care Act of 2016”.

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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 if such services are performed under the direction or supervision of a physician to the extent required under such State law.”.

(b) ADVANCED LEVEL RADIOGRAPHER DEFINED.—

Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)
is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
section:

“Advanced Level Radiographer

“(iii) The term ‘advanced level radiographer’ means

a radiographer who is certified by the American Registry

of Radiologic Technologists as a registered radiologist as-
sistant or by the Certification Board for Radiology Prac-
titioner Assistants as a radiology practitioner assistant to

perform radiology services under the supervision of a radi-
ologist.”.

(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.