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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to align physician supervision requirements under the Medicare program for radiology services performed by advanced level radiographers with State requirements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 5, 2017

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 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALIGNING PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION REQUIRE-**
2 **MENTS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM**
3 **FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES PERFORMED BY**
4 **ADVANCED LEVEL RADIOGRAPHERS WITH**
5 **STATE REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(b) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(b)) is amended—

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

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

13 “(7) TREATMENT OF SERVICES PERFORMED BY
14 ADVANCED LEVEL RADIOGRAPHERS.—For purposes
15 of paragraph (6), in the case of radiology services
16 performed by an advanced level radiographer (as de-
17 fined in section 1861(jjj)) in a State that has estab-
18 lished standards for the direction or supervision by
19 a physician of such a radiographer performing such
20 services, such services shall be treated as performed
21 under the direction or supervision of a physician if
22 such services are performed under the direction or
23 supervision of a physician to the extent required
24 under such State law.”.

25 (b) ADVANCED LEVEL RADIOGRAPHER DEFINED.—
26 Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)

1 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

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

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

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