

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1052

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for direct payment to physician assistants under the Medicare program for certain services furnished by such physician assistants.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2019

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama (for herself and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) 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

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## 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. DIRECT MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**  
2 **FURNISHED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1832(a)(2)(B) of the So-  
4 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395k(a)(2)(B)) is amended  
5 by adding at the end the following new clause:

6 “(v) services of a physician assistant  
7 but only if no facility or other provider  
8 charges or is paid any amounts with re-  
9 spect to the furnishing of such services;”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to services fur-  
12 nished on or after July 1, 2020.

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