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H. R. 8910

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide outreach and reporting on certain behavioral health integration services furnished under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

Mr. SMITH of Missouri (for himself, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Mr. FERGUSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 “Behavioral Health In-
5 tegration Awareness Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDER OUTREACH AND REPORTING ON CER-**
2 **TAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTEGRATION**
3 **SERVICES.**

4 (a) OUTREACH.—The Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services (in this section referred to as the “Sec-
6 retary”) shall conduct outreach to physicians and appro-
7 priate non-physician practitioners participating under the
8 Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) with respect to behavioral
10 health integration services described by any of HCPCS
11 codes 99492 through 99494 or 99484 (or any successor
12 code). Such outreach shall include a comprehensive, one-
13 time education initiative to inform such physicians and
14 practitioners of the inclusion of such services as a covered
15 benefit under the Medicare program, including describing
16 the requirements to bill for such codes and the require-
17 ments for beneficiary eligibility for such services.

18 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

19 (1) PROVIDER OUTREACH.—Not later than 1
20 year after the date of the completion of the edu-
21 cation initiative described in subsection (a), the Sec-
22 retary shall submit to the Committee on Ways and
23 Means and the Committee on Energy and Commerce
24 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
25 on Finance of the Senate a report on the outreach
26 conducted under such subsection. Such report shall

1 include a description of the methods used for such
2 outreach.

3 (2) UTILIZATION RATES.—Not later than 18
4 months after the date of the completion of the edu-
5 cation initiative described in subsection (a), and two
6 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the
7 Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee
8 on Energy and Commerce of the House of Rep-
9 resentatives and the Committee on Finance of the
10 Senate a report on the number of Medicare bene-
11 ficiaries (including those accessing services in rural
12 and underserved areas) who, during the preceding
13 year, were furnished services described in subsection
14 (a) for which payment was made under title XVIII
15 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

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