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2D SESSION

S. 3700

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 31, 2024

Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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 “Health Care for En-
5 ergy Workers Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF AUTHORITY TO FURNISH MEDICAL**
 2 **BENEFITS.**

3 Section 3629 of the Energy Employees Occupational
 4 Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
 5 7384t) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (f)
 7 as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 9 lowing new subsection (c):

10 “(c) **ORDERS BY NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSI-**
 11 **CIAN ASSISTANTS.**—For purposes of subsections (a) and
 12 (b), a nurse practitioner or physician assistant, acting
 13 within the scope of their practice under State law and in
 14 accordance with such regulations and instructions as the
 15 President deems necessary, may prescribe, recommend, or
 16 order services, appliances, and supplies for an individual
 17 receiving medical benefits under this section for an ill-
 18 ness.”.

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