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H. R. 7581

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration program to provide payment under the Medicare program for living kidney donor transplant facilitator training.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself and Mr. GOTTHEIMER) 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

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a demonstration program to provide payment under the Medicare program for living kidney donor transplant facilitator training.

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 “Living Organ Volun-
5 teer Engagement Act” or the “LOVE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM TO PRO-**
2 **VIDE PAYMENT FOR LIVING KIDNEY DONOR**
3 **TRANSPLANT FACILITATOR TRAINING.**

4 Section 1881 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1395rr) is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new subsection:

7 “(i) LIVING KIDNEY DONOR TRANSPLANT
8 FACILITATOR TRAINING DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
10 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
11 the Secretary shall establish an 8-year demonstra-
12 tion program under which, for each year of the pro-
13 gram, the Secretary shall pay to each eligible hos-
14 pital participating in the program for such year an
15 amount equal to the reasonable costs of the hospital
16 in operating a living kidney donor transplant
17 facilitator training program described in paragraph
18 (3) for such year, as determined by the Secretary.

19 “(2) ELIGIBLE HOSPITAL.—A hospital is eligi-
20 ble to participate in the demonstration program
21 under this subsection if such hospital is a hospital
22 in which kidney transplants are performed.

23 “(3) LIVING KIDNEY DONOR TRANSPLANT
24 FACILITATOR TRAINING PROGRAM DESCRIBED.—A
25 living kidney donor transplant facilitator training

1 program described in this paragraph is a program
2 operated by a hospital that trains individuals to—

3 “(A) assist individuals who are entitled to
4 benefits under parts A and B of this title and
5 have been determined to have end-stage renal
6 disease in identifying prospective living kidney
7 donors; and

8 “(B) assist individuals entitled to benefits
9 under parts A and B of this title pursuant to
10 subsection (d) in successfully navigating the
11 kidney donation process.

12 “(4) WAIVER.—The Secretary may waive such
13 provisions of this title as may be necessary in order
14 to implement the demonstration program.

15 “(5) REPORTS.—

16 “(A) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 6
17 years after the date of the enactment of this
18 subsection, the Secretary shall submit to the
19 appropriate committees of Congress a report
20 that includes, with respect to the 5-year period
21 following such date of enactment, the following
22 information:

23 “(i) Any increase in the number of liv-
24 ing kidney donors, as compared to the 5-

1 year period preceding such date of enact-
2 ment.

3 “(ii) Any increase in the number of
4 transplants conducted using kidneys do-
5 nated by living donors, as compared to the
6 5-year period preceding such date of enact-
7 ment.

8 “(iii) Outcome measures for individ-
9 uals that received kidneys from living do-
10 nors during such period.

11 “(iv) Any cost savings to the Medicare
12 program attributable to the increase in
13 transplant services and the decline in dialy-
14 sis services, as compared to the 5-year pe-
15 riod preceding such date of enactment.

16 “(v) Qualitative information with re-
17 spect to transplants conducted using kid-
18 neys donated by living donors during such
19 period, as determined based on interviews
20 of facilitators, volunteers at eligible hos-
21 pitals participating in the demonstration
22 program established under paragraph (1),
23 living kidney donors, and kidney transplant
24 recipients.

1 “(B) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Not later
2 than 1 year after the initial report is submitted
3 under subparagraph (A), and annually there-
4 after for the next 2 years, the Secretary shall
5 submit to the appropriate committees of Con-
6 gress a report that includes updates to the in-
7 formation described in clauses (i) through (v) of
8 such subparagraph.

9 “(C) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

10 “(i) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF
11 CONGRESS.—The term ‘appropriate com-
12 mittees of Congress’ means—

13 “(I) the Committee on Ways and
14 Means and the Committee on Energy
15 and Commerce of the House of Rep-
16 resentatives; and

17 “(II) the Committee on Finance
18 of the Senate.

19 “(ii) FACILITATOR.—The term
20 ‘facilitator’ means an individual who has
21 received training under a living kidney
22 donor transplant facilitator training pro-
23 gram described in paragraph (3).”.

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