

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1643

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect patient access to ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 7, 2025

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. WELCH, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. MERKLEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Protecting Access to
5 Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING PATIENT ACCESS TO MEDICARE**
 2 **GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

3 (a) SUPER RURAL AMBULANCE.—Section
 4 1834(l)(12)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 5 1395m(l)(12)(A)) is amended—

6 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “October
 7 1, 2025” and inserting “January 1, 2028”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-
 9 tence: “In the case of services furnished on or after
 10 October 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2028, such
 11 percent increase shall be 26.7 percent.”.

12 (b) GROUND AMBULANCE.—Section 1834(l)(13)(A)
 13 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(13)(A))
 14 is amended—

15 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by strik-
 16 ing “October 1, 2025” and inserting “January 1,
 17 2028”;

18 (2) in clause (i), by inserting “, or 4.3 percent
 19 if such service is furnished on or after October 1,
 20 2025, and before January 1, 2028” after “2025”;
 21 and

22 (3) in clause (ii), by inserting “, or 3.4 percent
 23 if such service is furnished on or after October 1,
 24 2025, and before January 1, 2028” after “2025”.