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S. 1776

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit the coinsurance amount for certain services furnished in an ambulatory surgical center.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) 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 “Medicare Beneficiary
5 Co-Pay Fairness Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON COINSURANCE AMOUNT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833 of the Social Secu-
8 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(G), by inserting “sub-
 2 ject to subsection (ee),” before “with respect to facil-
 3 ity services”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 5 section:

6 “(ee) LIMITATION ON COINSURANCE AMOUNT FOR
 7 CERTAIN SERVICES FURNISHED IN AN AMBULATORY
 8 SURGICAL CENTER.—In the case that application of sub-
 9 section (a)(1)(G) would result in the imposition of a coin-
 10 surance amount with respect to facility services described
 11 in such subsection furnished during a year with respect
 12 to a surgical procedure that exceeds the amount of the
 13 inpatient hospital deductible established under section
 14 1813(b) for such year, the Secretary shall—

15 “(1) reduce the amount of such coinsurance to
 16 an amount equal to such deductible; and

17 “(2) pay to the supplier furnishing such serv-
 18 ices an amount equal to such reduction.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 20 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
 21 January 1, 2026.

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