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S. 717

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and expedite access to cardiac rehabilitation programs and pulmonary rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2025

Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Ms. KLOBUCHAR) 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 “Increasing Access to
5 Quality Cardiac Rehabilitation Care Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING ACCESS TO CARDIAC REHABILITATION**
2 **PROGRAMS AND PULMONARY REHABILITA-**
3 **TION PROGRAMS UNDER MEDICARE PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) CARDIAC REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.—Section
6 1861(eee) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395x(eee)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (2)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “a
10 physician’s office” and inserting “the office set-
11 ting”; and

12 (B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting after
13 “physician” the following: “(as defined in sub-
14 section (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse
15 practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as
16 those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))”;

17 (2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “physician-
18 prescribed exercise” and inserting “exercise pre-
19 scribed by a physician (as defined in subsection
20 (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner,
21 or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-
22 fined in subsection (aa)(5))”; and

23 (3) in paragraph (5), by inserting after “physi-
24 cian” the following: “(as defined in subsection
25 (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner,

1 or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-
2 fined in subsection (aa)(5))”.

3 (b) PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.—Sec-
4 tion 1861(fff) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1395x(fff)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “physician-
7 prescribed exercise” and inserting “exercise pre-
8 scribed by a physician (as defined in subsection
9 (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner,
10 or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-
11 fined in subsection (aa)(5))”; and

12 (2) in paragraph (3), by inserting after “physi-
13 cian” the following: “(as defined in subsection
14 (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner,
15 or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-
16 fined in subsection (aa)(5))”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this section shall apply with respect to items and services
19 furnished on or after the date that is 6 months after the
20 date of enactment of this Act.

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