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# S. 2057

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ALLOWING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSE**  
 2 **PRACTITIONERS, AND CLINICAL NURSE SPE-**  
 3 **CIALISTS TO SUPERVISE CARDIAC, INTEN-**  
 4 **SIVE CARDIAC, AND PULMONARY REHABILI-**  
 5 **TATION PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) CARDIAC AND INTENSIVE CARDIAC REHABILITA-  
 7 TION PROGRAMS.—Section 1861(eee) of the Social Secu-  
 8 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(eee)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking “physician-supervised”;  
 11 and

12 (B) by inserting “under the supervision of  
 13 a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or  
 14 a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or  
 15 clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-  
 16 fined in subsection (aa)(5))” before the period  
 17 at the end;

18 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “a physi-  
 19 cian” and inserting “a physician (as defined in sub-  
 20 section (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practi-  
 21 tioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are  
 22 defined in subsection (aa)(5))”; and

23 (3) in paragraph (4)(A), in the matter pre-  
 24 ceding clause (i)—

25 (A) by striking “physician-supervised”;  
 26 and

1 (B) by inserting “under the supervision of  
2 a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or  
3 a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or  
4 clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-  
5 fined in subsection (aa)(5))” after “paragraph  
6 (3)”.

7 (b) PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.—Sec-  
8 tion 1861(fff)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 1395x(fff)(1)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “physician-supervised”; and

11 (2) by inserting “under the supervision of a  
12 physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a phy-  
13 sician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse  
14 specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection  
15 (aa)(5))” before the period at the end.

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