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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure the continued access of Medicare beneficiaries to diagnostic imaging services.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. VITTER) 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 “Diagnostic Imaging
5 Services Access Protection Act of 2012”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR IMAGING SERVICES.**

7 Section 1848(b)(4) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1395w–4(b)(4)) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following new subparagraph:

1 “(E) LIMITATION ON APPLICATION OF
2 MULTIPLE PROCEDURE PAYMENT REDUC-
3 TION.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
5 shall not apply a multiple procedure pay-
6 ment reduction policy to the professional
7 component of imaging services—

8 “(I) furnished on or after the
9 date that is 60 days after the date of
10 the enactment of this subparagraph
11 and before January 1, 2013; or

12 “(II) furnished in 2013 or a sub-
13 sequent year unless the reduction is
14 based on the analysis of an expert
15 panel on diagnostic imaging services
16 convened by the Institute of Medicine.

17 “(ii) REQUEST.—The Secretary shall
18 request that the Institute of Medicine con-
19 vene the expert panel described in clause
20 (i)(II) and conduct an analysis of the ap-
21 propriateness of applying a multiple proce-
22 dure payment reduction policy to the pro-
23 fessional component of imaging services
24 under this part.

1 “(iii) REQUIREMENT FOR ANAL-
2 YSIS.—In preparing the analysis described
3 in clause (ii), the Institute of Medicine
4 shall consult with national medical spe-
5 cialty societies with expertise in the field of
6 diagnostic imaging services.”.

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