

112TH CONGRESS
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S. 3659

To repeal certain changes to contracts with Medicare Quality Improvement Organizations, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 5, 2012

Mr. CONRAD (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) 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 “Quality Improvement
5 Organization Program Restoration Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF CHANGES TO CONTRACTS WITH MEDI-**
7 **CARE QIOS.**

8 Section 261 of the Trade Adjustment Assistance Ex-
9 tension Act of 2011 (relating to contracts with Quality
10 Improvement Organizations) is repealed and the provi-

1 sions of law amended by such section are restored as if
 2 such section had never been enacted.

3 **SEC. 3. QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FUNDING.**

4 Section 1159 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 5 1320c–8) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “Expenses incurred” and insert-
 7 ing “(a) Expenses incurred”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 9 section:

10 “(b)(1) With respect to any 3-year period for which
 11 3-year contracts are entered into under this part for con-
 12 tract periods beginning on or after August 1, 2014, and
 13 ending on or before July 31, 2021, the aggregate amount
 14 of funds payable during any such 3-year period for such
 15 contracts shall not exceed \$1,674,000,000.

16 “(2) For any contract period beginning on or after
 17 August 1, 2014, at least 80 percent of the funds to carry
 18 out this part shall be expended to directly fund the con-
 19 tracts with utilization and quality control peer review or-
 20 ganizations under section 1153(b).

21 “(3) In order to reduce spending of the amount in
 22 paragraph (1) by \$330,000,000, for the period beginning
 23 on October 1, 2014, and ending on September 30, 2021,

- 1 the aggregate amount of funds payable for contracts
- 2 under this part shall be reduced by \$330,000,000.”.

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