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H. R. 2676

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage the adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology by safety net providers and clinics under the Medicaid program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CAPPS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Medicaid Information
5 Technology to Enhance Community Health Act of 2013”
6 or the “MITECH Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCENTIVES FOR ADOPTION AND USE OF EHR**
2 **TECHNOLOGY BY SAFETY NET CLINICS AND**
3 **PROVIDERS.**

4 Section 1903(t) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1396b(t)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

8 (i) in clause (i), by inserting “or
9 QSNC-based” after “hospital-based”;

10 (ii) in clause (ii)—

11 (I) by inserting “or QSNC-
12 based” after “hospital-based”; and

13 (II) by striking “and” at the end
14 and inserting “or”; and

15 (iii) in clause (iii), by striking “who
16 practices predominantly in a Federally
17 qualified health center or rural health clin-
18 ic” and inserting “subject to paragraph
19 (11)(C), who practices predominantly in a
20 Federally qualified health center, rural
21 health clinic, or qualified safety net clinic”;
22 and

23 (B) in subparagraph (B)—

24 (i) in clause (i), by striking “or”;

25 (ii) in clause (ii), by striking the pe-
26 riod at the end and inserting “, or”; and

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new clause:

3 “(iii) subject to paragraph (11), a qualified
4 safety net clinic (as defined in paragraph (3)(G)).”;
5 (2) in paragraph (3)—

6 (A) in subparagraph (B)(v), by striking
7 “rural health clinic” and all that follows
8 through the period and inserting “rural health
9 clinic, Federally qualified health center, or
10 qualified safety net clinic that is led by a physi-
11 cian assistant.”; and

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraphs:

14 “(G) The term ‘qualified safety net clinic’
15 means a clinic or network of clinics that is operated
16 by a private non-profit or public entity and that has
17 at least 30 percent of its patient volume (as esti-
18 mated in accordance with a methodology established
19 by the Secretary) attributable to needy individuals
20 (as defined in subparagraph (F)).

21 “(H) The term ‘QSNC-based’ means, with re-
22 spect to an eligible professional, an individual who
23 furnishes substantially all of their professional serv-
24 ices in a qualified safety net clinic and through the
25 use of the facilities and equipment, including quali-

1 fied electronic health records, of the clinic. The de-
2 termination of whether an eligible professional is a
3 QSNC-based eligible professional shall be made on
4 the basis of the site of service (as defined by the
5 Secretary) and without regard to any employment or
6 billing arrangement between the eligible professional
7 and any other provider.”;

8 (3) in paragraph (5)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
10 “clause (i) or (ii) of” before “paragraph
11 (2)(B)”;

12 (B) by adding at the end the following new
13 subparagraph:

14 “(E) For purposes of payments described in para-
15 graph (1)(B) to a Medicaid provider described in para-
16 graph (2)(B)(iii), the Secretary shall establish a method-
17 ology for determining the maximum amount of payment
18 permitted for each such provider.”;

19 (4) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(11)(A) Not later than January 1, 2015, the Sec-
22 retary, in consultation with States and other relevant
23 stakeholders, shall promulgate regulations to establish a
24 procedure through which a qualified safety net clinic may
25 demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology

1 by such clinic for purposes of satisfying the requirement
2 described in paragraph (6)(C)(i)(II).

3 “(B) A qualified safety net clinic shall not be eligible
4 to receive payments described in paragraph (1)(B) before
5 the date on which the Secretary establishes the procedure
6 described in subparagraph (A). On and after that date,
7 a qualified safety net clinic may receive such payments
8 if the qualified safety net clinic notifies the Secretary that
9 the qualified safety net clinic elects to receive such pay-
10 ments in lieu of the Secretary making payments described
11 in paragraph (1)(A) to the eligible professionals who prac-
12 tice predominately in the qualified safety net clinic.

13 “(C) On or after the date that the Secretary estab-
14 lishes the procedure described in subparagraph (A), an eli-
15 gible professional who practices predominately in a quali-
16 fied safety net clinic, as described in paragraph (2)(A)(iii),
17 shall not be eligible to receive payments described in para-
18 graph (1)(A) if the qualified safety net clinic receives pay-
19 ments described in paragraph (1)(B).”.

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