

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4853

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow individuals to elect to receive the Medicare Summary Notice electronically, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RENACCI (for himself and Mr. PASCRELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Better Efficiency and
5 Administrative Simplification Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPTION TO RECEIVE MEDICARE SUMMARY NOTICE**
2 **ELECTRONICALLY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1806 of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b–7) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new subsection:

6 “(c) FORMAT OF STATEMENTS FROM SECRETARY.—

7 “(1) ELECTRONIC OPTION BEGINNING IN
8 2015.—Subject to paragraph (2), for statements de-
9 scribed in subsection (a) that are furnished for a pe-
10 riod in 2015 or a subsequent year, in the case that
11 an individual described in subsection (a) elects, in
12 accordance with such form, manner, and time speci-
13 fied by the Secretary, to receive such statement in
14 an electronic format, such statement shall be fur-
15 nished to such individual for each period subsequent
16 to such election in such a format and shall not be
17 mailed to the individual.

18 “(2) ONE-TIME REVOCATION OPTION.—An indi-
19 vidual who makes an election described in paragraph
20 (1) may revoke such election once.

21 “(3) NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary shall en-
22 sure that, in the most cost effective manner and be-
23 ginning January 1, 2017, a clear notification of the
24 option to elect to receive statements described in
25 subsection (a) in an electronic format is made avail-
26 able, such as through the notices distributed under

1 section 1804, to individuals described in subsection
2 (a).”.

3 (b) ENCOURAGED EXPANSION OF ELECTRONIC
4 STATEMENTS.—To the extent to which the Secretary of
5 Health and Human Services determines appropriate, the
6 Secretary shall—

7 (1) apply an option similar to the option de-
8 scribed in subsection (c)(1) of section 1806 of the
9 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395b–7) (relating to
10 the provision of the Medicare Summary Notice in an
11 electronic format), as added by subsection (a), to
12 other statements and notifications under title XVIII
13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.); and

14 (2) provide such Medicare Summary Notice and
15 any such other statements and notifications on a
16 more frequent basis than is otherwise required under
17 such title.

18 **SEC. 3. RENEWAL OF MAC CONTRACTS.**

19 Section 1874A(b)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act
20 (42 U.S.C. 1395kk–1(b)(1)(B)) is amended by striking “5
21 years” and inserting “10 years”.

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