

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 623

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

MARCH 20, 2013

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 2013”.

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.—The Secretary may not apply a multiple
4 procedure payment reduction policy to the pro-
5 fessional component of imaging services fur-
6 nished on or after 30 days after the date of the
7 enactment of this subparagraph, until the Sec-
8 retary publishes in the Federal Register the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(i) An analysis of the information
11 used in the final rule to implement the
12 physician fee schedule under this section in
13 2013 to determine what, if any, efficiencies
14 exist within the professional component of
15 imaging services when 2 or more studies
16 are performed on the same patient on the
17 same day.

18 “(ii) Detailed information on—

19 “(I) which activities in the vi-
20 gnettes in such rule were assigned re-
21 duction percentages of 0, 25, 50, 75,
22 and 100 percent;

23 “(II) how such percentage reduc-
24 tions for the pre-, intra-, and post-

1 service work were determined and cal-
2 culated; and
3 “(III) the clinical aspects that
4 went into those decisions.”.

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