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H. R. 2299

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for site-of-service price transparency under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 13, 2015

Mr. BILIRAKIS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. MEDICARE SITE-OF-SERVICE PRICE TRANS-**
4 **PARENCY.**

5 Section 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395m) is amended by adding at the end the following
7 new subsection:

8 “(r) SITE-OF-SERVICE PRICE TRANSPARENCY.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In order to facilitate price
2 transparency with respect to items and services for
3 which payment may be made either to a hospital
4 outpatient department or to an ambulatory surgery
5 center under this title, the Secretary shall, for 2017
6 and each year thereafter, make available to the pub-
7 lic via a searchable website, with respect to an ap-
8 propriate number of such items and services—

9 “(A) the estimated payment amount for
10 such items and services under the outpatient
11 department fee schedule under subsection (t) of
12 section 1833 and the ambulatory surgical cen-
13 ter payment system under subsection (i) of such
14 section; and

15 “(B) the estimated amount of beneficiary
16 liability applicable to such an item or service.

17 “(2) CALCULATION OF ESTIMATED BENE-
18 FICIARY LIABILITY.—For purposes of subsection (a),
19 the estimated beneficiary liability, with respect to an
20 item or service, is the amount for such item or serv-
21 ice for which an individual who does not have cov-
22 erage under a medicare supplemental policy certified
23 under section 1882 or any other supplemental insur-
24 ance coverage is responsible.

1 “(3) IMPLEMENTATION.—In carrying out this
2 section, the Secretary—

3 “(A) shall include in the notice described
4 in section 1804(a) a notification of the avail-
5 ability of the anticipated costs made available
6 under subsection (a); and

7 “(B) may utilize existing mechanisms, such
8 as the portion of the website of the Centers for
9 Medicare & Medicaid Services on which infor-
10 mation comparing physician performance is
11 posted (commonly referred to as the Physician
12 Compare website), to make available such an-
13 ticipated costs under such subsection.

14 “(4) FUNDING.—For purposes of implementing
15 this subsection, the Secretary shall provide for the
16 transfer, from the Supplemental Medical Insurance
17 Trust Fund under section 1841 to the Centers for
18 Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Management
19 Account, of \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2015, to re-
20 main available until expended.”.

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