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H. R. 2325

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a pharmaceutical and technology ombudsman under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2015

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS) 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. MEDICARE PHARMACEUTICAL AND TECH-**
4 **NOLOGY OMBUDSMAN.**

5 Section 1808(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395b–9(c)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new paragraph:

1 “(4) PHARMACEUTICAL AND TECHNOLOGY OM-
2 BUDSMAN.—Not later than 12 months after the date
3 of the enactment of this paragraph, the Secretary
4 shall provide for a pharmaceutical and technology
5 ombudsman within the Centers for Medicare & Med-
6 icaid Services who shall receive and respond to com-
7 plaints, grievances, and requests that—

8 “(A) are from entities that manufacture
9 pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device,
10 or diagnostic products that are covered or for
11 which coverage is being sought under this title;
12 and

13 “(B) regard coverage, coding, or payment
14 under this title for such products.”.

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