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H. R. 5268

To provide for improvements to the Welcome to Medicare package, and
for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2016

Mr. McDERMOTT 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 “Medicare Beneficiary
5 Enrollment Improvement Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. UPDATING THE WELCOME TO MEDICARE PACKAGE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months after
8 the last day of the period for the request of information
9 described in subsection (b) the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services shall, taking into consideration informa-
2 tion collected pursuant to subsection (b), update the infor-
3 mation included in the Welcome to Medicare package to
4 include information, presented in a clear and simple man-
5 ner, about options for receiving benefits under the Medi-
6 care program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.), including through the original
8 medicare fee-for-service program under parts A and B of
9 such title (42 U.S.C. 1395c et seq., 42 U.S.C. 1395j et
10 seq.), Medicare Advantage plans under part C of such title
11 (42 U.S.C. 1395w–21 et seq.), and prescription drug plans
12 under part D of such title (42 U.S.C. 1395w–101 et seq.).
13 The Secretary shall make subsequent updates to the infor-
14 mation included in the Welcome to Medicare package as
15 appropriate.

16 (b) REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.—Not later than six
17 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
18 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall request in-
19 formation, including recommendations, from stakeholders
20 (including patient advocates, issuers, and employers) on
21 information included in the Welcome to Medicare package,
22 including pertinent data and information regarding enroll-
23 ment and coverage for Medicare eligible individuals.

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