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H. R. 5681

To require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test the efficacy of providing Alzheimer’s Disease caregiver support services in delaying or reducing the use of institutionalized care for Medicare beneficiaries with Alzheimer’s Disease or a related dementia.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California (for herself and Mr. ROSKAM) 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 “Alzheimer’s Bene-
5 ficiary and Caregiver Support Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TESTING OF MEDICARE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE**
2 **OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CAREGIVER SUP-**
3 **PORT SERVICES.**

4 Section 1115A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1315a) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the
8 end the following new sentence: “The models
9 selected under this subparagraph shall include
10 the model described in subparagraph (D), which
11 shall be implemented by not later than the date
12 that is 1 year after the date of enactment of
13 such subparagraph.”; and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following new
15 subparagraph:

16 “(D) ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE CAREGIVER
17 SUPPORT SERVICES MODEL.—The model de-
18 scribed in this subparagraph is a model that
19 meets the requirements of subsection (h) with
20 respect to coverage of, and payment for, Alz-
21 heimer’s Disease caregiver support services (as
22 defined in such subsection).”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:

25 “(h) COVERAGE OF ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE CARE-
26 GIVER SUPPORT SERVICES.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the succeeding
2 provisions of this subsection, for the 3-year period
3 that begins on January 1, 2018, the Secretary shall
4 test the efficacy of coverage of, and payment for,
5 Alzheimer’s Disease caregiver support services (as
6 defined in paragraph (2)) under the applicable title,
7 in delaying or reducing the use of institutionalized
8 care for applicable Medicare beneficiaries (as defined
9 in paragraph (3)).

10 “(2) DEFINITION OF ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE
11 CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES.—In this subsection,
12 the term ‘Alzheimer’s Disease caregiver support
13 services’ means the following services furnished by
14 an eligible professional (as defined in paragraph (3))
15 to a family caregiver (as defined in such paragraph)
16 of an applicable Medicare beneficiary (as defined in
17 such paragraph):

18 “(A) A defined set of counseling sessions
19 over a fixed period of time (as determined ap-
20 propriate by the Secretary), including a com-
21 prehensive baseline interview, two individual
22 counseling sessions, and four family counseling
23 sessions.

24 “(B) Following such defined set of coun-
25 seling sessions, a subsequent period (as deter-

mined appropriate by the Secretary) of follow-up assessments, support group participation, and ad hoc counseling or consultations to support the family caregiver as needs arise and the health of the applicable Medicare beneficiary changes.

“(3) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

“(A) APPLICABLE MEDICARE BENEFICIARY.—The term ‘applicable Medicare beneficiary’ means an individual—

“(i) who is entitled to benefits under part A and enrolled under part B of title XVIII who is not enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan under part C of such title, an eligible organization under section 1876, or a PACE program under section 1894; and

“(ii) who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease or a related dementia.

“(B) ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL.—The term ‘eligible professional’ means an individual who—

“(i) is a clinical social worker (as defined in section 1861(hh)(1)) or a nurse

practitioner (as defined in section 1861(aa)(5)(A)); and

“(ii) has undergone extensive online training in the best practices for caregiver intervention for patients who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease or a related dementia.

“(C) FAMILY CAREGIVER.—The term ‘family caregiver’ means, with respect to an applicable Medicare beneficiary, a spouse, adult child, or other family member of the applicable Medicare beneficiary who is part of the care team of the applicable Medicare beneficiary and receives no monetary compensation for their service as part of the team.

“(4) PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall establish payment amounts under this subsection for Alzheimer’s Disease caregiver support services.

“(5) NUMBER OF FAMILY CAREGIVERS FURNISHED ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES.—The Secretary shall select a sufficient number of eligible professionals to participate in the model under this subsection to ensure that the primary family caregiver and at least one other, informal family caregiver of applicable Medicare bene-

- 1 ficiaries receive Alzheimer's Disease caregiver sup-
- 2 port services under this subsection.”.

