

114TH CONGRESS
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S. 1465

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to stroke telehealth services under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2015

Mr. KIRK 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 “Furthering Access to
5 Stroke Telemedicine Act” or the “FAST Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING ACCESS TO STROKE TELEHEALTH**
7 **SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(m)(4)(C) of the So-
9 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(4)(C)) is amend-
10 ed—

1 (1) in clause (i), by striking “The term” and
 2 inserting “Subject to clause (iii), the term”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 4 clause:

5 “(iii) STROKE TELEHEALTH SERV-
 6 ICES.—With respect to services related to
 7 the evaluation or treatment of an acute
 8 stroke that are provided within the evi-
 9 dence-based window of treatment, the term
 10 ‘originating site’ means any site at which
 11 the eligible telehealth individual is located
 12 at the time the service is furnished via a
 13 telecommunications system, regardless of
 14 where the site is located.”.

15 (b) NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY FEE FOR NEW
 16 SITES.—Section 1834(m)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act
 17 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(m)(2)(B)) is amended, in the matter
 18 preceding clause (i), by inserting “(other than an origi-
 19 nating site that is only described in clause (iii) of para-
 20 graph (4)(C), and does not meet the requirement for an
 21 originating site under clause (i) of such paragraph)” after
 22 “the originating site”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 24 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after

- 1 the date that is 1 year after the date of the enactment
- 2 of this Act.

