

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2772

To eliminate the requirement that veterans pay a copayment to the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive opioid antagonists or education on the use of opioid antagonists.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 11, 2016

Ms. BALDWIN (for herself and Mr. MORAN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To eliminate the requirement that veterans pay a copayment to the Department of Veterans Affairs to receive opioid antagonists or education on the use of opioid antagonists.

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. ELIMINATION OF COPAYMENT REQUIREMENT**

4 **FOR VETERANS RECEIVING OPIOID ANTAGO-**

5 **NISTS OR EDUCATION ON USE OF OPIOID AN-**

6 **TAGONISTS.**

7 (a) COPAYMENT FOR OPIOID ANTAGONISTS.—Sec-
8 tion 1722A(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended
9 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

1 “(4) Paragraph (1) does not apply to opioid antago-
2 nists furnished under this chapter to a veteran who is at
3 high risk for overdose of a specific medication or substance
4 in order to reverse the effect of such an overdose.”.

5 (b) COPAYMENT FOR EDUCATION ON USE OF OPIOID
6 ANTAGONISTS.—Section 1710(g)(3) of such title is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “with respect to home health
9 services” and inserting “with respect to the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(A) Home health services”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 paragraph:

14 “(B) Education on the use of opioid antagonists
15 to reverse the effects of overdoses of specific medica-
16 tions or substances.”.

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