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[Report No. 114–98]

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 29, 2015

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. COONS, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. BROWN, Mr. KING, Mr. PORTMAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BENNET, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GARDNER, Ms. AYOTTE, Mr. HELLER, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. PETERS, Ms. HIRONO, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

JULY 30, 2015

Reported by Mr. HATCH, with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Prevent Interruptions
3 in Physical Therapy Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO UTILIZE**
5 **LOCUM TENENS ARRANGEMENTS UNDER**
6 **MEDICARE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section
8 1842(b)(6) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1395u(b)(6)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “and” before “(H)”; and

11 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
12 following: “, and (I) in the case of outpatient phys-
13 ical therapy services furnished by physical thera-
14 pists, subparagraph (D) of this sentence shall apply
15 to such services and therapists in the same manner
16 as such subparagraph applies to physicians’ services
17 furnished by physicians”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 subsection (a) shall apply to services furnished after the
20 date of the enactment of this Act.

21 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

22 *This Act may be cited as the “Prevent Interruptions*
23 *in Physical Therapy Act of 2015”.*

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO UTILIZE**
 2 **LOCUM TENENS ARRANGEMENTS UNDER**
 3 **MEDICARE.**

4 (a) *IN GENERAL.*—*The first sentence of section*
 5 *1842(b)(6) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.*
 6 *1395u(b)(6)) is amended—*

7 (1) *by striking “and” before “(H)”;* and
 8 (2) *by inserting before the period at the end the*
 9 *following: “, and (I) in the case of outpatient physical*
 10 *therapy services furnished by physical therapists in a*
 11 *health professional shortage area (as defined in sec-*
 12 *tion 332(a)(1)(A) of the Public Health Service Act),*
 13 *a medically underserved area (as designated pursuant*
 14 *to section 330(b)(3)(A) of such Act), or a rural area*
 15 *(as defined in section 1886(d)(2)(D)), subparagraph*
 16 *(D) of this sentence shall apply to such services and*
 17 *therapists in the same manner as such subparagraph*
 18 *applies to physicians’ services furnished by physi-*
 19 *cians”.*

20 (b) *EFFECTIVE DATE.*—*The amendments made by sub-*
 21 *section (a) shall apply to services furnished after the date*
 22 *of the enactment of this Act.*

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