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S. 488

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2015

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ALLOWING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSE**
 2 **PRACTITIONERS, AND CLINICAL NURSE SPE-**
 3 **CIALISTS TO SUPERVISE CARDIAC, INTEN-**
 4 **SIVE CARDIAC, AND PULMONARY REHABILI-**
 5 **TATION PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) CARDIAC AND INTENSIVE CARDIAC REHABILITA-
 7 TION PROGRAMS.—Section 1861(eee) of the Social Secu-
 8 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(eee)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking “physician-supervised”;
 11 and

12 (B) by inserting “under the supervision of
 13 a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or
 14 a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or
 15 clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-
 16 fined in subsection (aa)(5))” before the period
 17 at the end;

18 (2) in paragraph (2)—

19 (A) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by striking
 20 the period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
 21 and

22 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “a
 23 physician” and inserting “a physician (as de-
 24 fined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assist-
 25 ant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse spe-

1 cialist (as those terms are defined in subsection
2 (aa)(5))”; and

3 (3) in paragraph (4)(A), in the matter pre-
4 ceding clause (i)—

5 (A) by striking “physician-supervised”;
6 and

7 (B) by inserting “under the supervision of
8 a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or
9 a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or
10 clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-
11 fined in subsection (aa)(5))” after “paragraph
12 (3)”.

13 (b) PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.—Sec-
14 tion 1861(fff)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1395x(fff)(1)) is amended—

16 (1) by striking “physician-supervised”; and

17 (2) by inserting “under the supervision of a
18 physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a phy-
19 sician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse
20 specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection
21 (aa)(5))” before the period at the end.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 this section shall apply to items and services furnished on

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

