

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 839

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 23, 2015

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) 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 “Preserve Access to
5 Medicare Rural Home Health Services Act of 2015”.

6 (a) RURAL ADD-ON EXTENSION.—Section 421(a) of
7 the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Mod-
8 ernization Act of 2003 (Public Law 108–173; 117 Stat.
9 2283), as amended by section 5201(b) of the Deficit Re-
10 duction Act of 2005 (Public Law 109–171; 120 Stat. 46)

1 and section 3131(c) of the Patient Protection and Afford-
2 able Care Act (Public Law 111–148; 124 Stat. 428), is
3 amended by striking “2016” each place it appears and
4 inserting “2021”.

5 (b) REVISION OF HOME HEALTH OUTLIER ADJUST-
6 MENT.—Section 1895(b)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 1395fff(b)(5)(A)) is amended, in the second
8 sentence, by inserting “(or, in the case of each of 2016
9 through 2020, 2.25 percent)” after “2.5 percent”.

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