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H. R. 7250

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the feasibility of using certain technologies to facilitate the administration of prior authorization requirements under part C of the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2018

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. GUTHRIE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Prior Authorization
5 Process Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON APPLYING CERTAIN TECHNOLOGIES TO**
2 **THE ADMINISTRATION OF PART C PRIOR AU-**
3 **THORIZATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE**
4 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 12 months after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
7 Health and Human Services (in this section referred to
8 as the “Secretary”) shall conduct a study and submit to
9 Congress a report on the feasibility of Medicare Advantage
10 organizations and providers and suppliers of services (as
11 defined in section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1395x)) using certain technologies to facilitate the
13 administration of prior authorization requirements under
14 Medicare Advantage plans offered by such organizations
15 under part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42
16 U.S.C. 1395w–21 et seq.).

17 (b) ADVISORY PANEL.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—In conducting the study de-
19 scribed in subsection (a), the Secretary shall consult
20 with an advisory panel convened by the Secretary.

21 (2) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall select
22 members of the panel convened under paragraph
23 (1). Such members shall include representatives of—

- 24 (A) Medicare Advantage organizations;
25 (B) providers and suppliers of services;
26 (C) technology vendors;

1 (D) entities advocating on behalf of indi-
2 viduals entitled to benefits under part A of title
3 XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1395c et seq.) or enrolled under part B of such
5 title of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.); and

6 (E) standard setting organizations (as de-
7 fined in section 1171(8) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1320d–1(8))).

9 (c) REPORT CONTENTS.—The report described in
10 subsection (a) shall include the following:

11 (1) A description of existing technologies that
12 may be used to facilitate the administration of prior
13 authorization requirements under part C of title
14 XVIII of the Social Security Act.

15 (2) An evaluation of the utilization of such
16 technologies by providers and suppliers of services
17 and Medicare Advantage organizations with respect
18 to individuals described in subsection (b)(2)(D) or
19 not described in such subsection.

20 (3) A cost-benefit analysis with respect to the
21 use of such technologies by such providers and sup-
22 pliers of services and such Medicare Advantage orga-
23 nizations.

24 (4) An evaluation of the feasibility of Medicare
25 Advantage organizations and providers and suppliers

1 of services potentially using such technologies under
2 part C of the Medicare program.

3 (5) Recommendations on how to improve the
4 administration of such requirements through the use
5 of technology.

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