

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to make improvements to the transparency report requirements under section 1128G of such Act.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 6, 2018

Mrs. McCASKILL 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 “Patient Advocacy
5 Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING**
 2 **PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS IN**
 3 **TRANSPARENCY REPORTS.**

4 (a) INFORMATION.—Section 1128G(a)(1)(A)(vi) of
 5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7h(a)(1)(A)(vi))
 6 is amended—

7 (1) in subclause (XIV), by striking “grant; or”
 8 and inserting “grant, including an education grant
 9 or capacity building grant;”;

10 (2) by redesignating subclause (XV) as sub-
 11 clause (XVIII); and

12 (3) by inserting after subclause (XIV) the fol-
 13 lowing new subclauses:

14 “(XV) fundraising event sponsor-
 15 ship;

16 “(XVI) meeting or conference ex-
 17 penses that are not otherwise included
 18 in another subclause of this clause;

19 “(XVII) funding of marketing,
 20 public relations activities, placement
 21 on television programs or internet
 22 websites, or social media support; or”.

23 (b) COVERED RECIPIENT.—Section 1128G(e)(6)(A)
 24 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7h(e)(6)(A))
 25 is amended by adding at the end the following new clauses:

1 “(iii) A professional society of health
2 care providers or pharmacists.

3 “(iv) A patient advocacy organization,
4 consumer advocacy organization, voluntary
5 health agency, or a coalition of such orga-
6 nizations, including a disease-specific advo-
7 cacy organization.

8 “(v) A patient education organization.

9 “(vi) A provider of continuing edu-
10 cation, including a medical education or
11 communications company.

12 “(vii) A clinical trial organization.

13 “(viii) An education accreditation or-
14 ganization.

15 “(ix) A co-pay assistance organization
16 or other organization providing financial
17 assistance to patients.

18 “(x) A foundation established by an
19 entity described in any of clauses (iii)
20 through (ix).”.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this section shall apply with respect to information re-
23 quired to be submitted under section 1128G of the Social

- 1 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7h) on the 90th day of
- 2 each calendar year beginning with 2023.

