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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve quality measurement and development.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. NELSON) 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 “Addiction Treatment
5 Quality Improvement Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING QUALITY MEASUREMENT AND DEVEL-**
 2 **OPMENT RELATED TO THE TREATMENT OF**
 3 **OPIOID AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1890A of the Social Secu-
 5 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395aaa–1) is amended by adding at
 6 the end the following new subsection:

7 “(g) STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR QUALITY MEAS-
 8 URE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION RELATED TO
 9 THE TREATMENT OF OPIOID AND SUBSTANCE USE DIS-
 10 ORDERS.—

11 “(1) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 3 months
 12 after the date of the enactment of this subsection,
 13 the Secretary shall conduct an assessment of the
 14 current state of quality measures and measure con-
 15 cepts in the area of opioid and substance use dis-
 16 orders. Such assessment shall also include an anal-
 17 ysis to identify top-priority considerations for meas-
 18 urement in the areas of opioid and substance use
 19 disorders and gaps in areas of such measures.

20 “(2) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after
 21 the date of the enactment of this subsection, the
 22 Secretary shall submit to Congress the results of the
 23 assessment conducted under paragraph (1), together
 24 with recommendations the Secretary determines ap-
 25 propriate.

26 “(3) MEASURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN.—

1 “(A) DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN.—The
 2 Secretary shall develop a measure development
 3 plan to address the gaps, measure concepts,
 4 and identified measure domains stemming from
 5 the recommendations in the report under para-
 6 graph (2).

7 “(B) PLAN TO BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAIL-
 8 ABLE.—Not later than 2 years after the date of
 9 the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary
 10 shall make the plan developed under subpara-
 11 graph (A) publicly available.

12 “(4) CONTRACT.—The Secretary may enter into
 13 a contract, or as necessary amend the contract, with
 14 the entity with a contract under section 1890(a) to
 15 conduct the assessment under paragraph (1) and
 16 submit the report under paragraph (2), which may
 17 be included in an annual report submitted under
 18 section 1890(b)(5) before the deadline under such
 19 paragraph (2) and which shall also be submitted to
 20 the Secretary if not included in such annual re-
 21 port.”.

22 (b) FUNDING.—Section 1890(d)(2) of the Social Se-
 23 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(d)(2)) is amended—

24 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “and (f)”
 25 and inserting “, (f), and (g)(3)”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-
 2 tence: “Amounts transferred under this paragraph
 3 for purposes of carrying out section 1890A(g) (other
 4 than paragraph (3)) shall only be for the period of
 5 fiscal years 2018 through 2020 and may not exceed
 6 a total of \$1,500,000.”.

7 **SEC. 3. FACILITATION OF INCREASED COORDINATION AND**
 8 **ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRI-**
 9 **VATE SECTOR WITH RESPECT TO QUALITY**
 10 **AND EFFICIENCY MEASURES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1890(b) of the Social Se-
 12 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(b)) is amended by insert-
 13 ing after paragraph (3) the following new paragraph:

14 “(4) FACILITATION OF INCREASED COORDINA-
 15 TION AND ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND
 16 PRIVATE SECTOR WITH RESPECT TO QUALITY AND
 17 EFFICIENCY MEASURES.—

18 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The entity shall facili-
 19 tate increased coordination and alignment be-
 20 tween the public and private sector with respect
 21 to quality and efficiency measures.

22 “(B) ANNUAL REPORTS.—The entity shall
 23 prepare and make available to the public its
 24 findings under this paragraph in its annual re-
 25 port. Such public availability shall include post-

1 ing each report on the Internet website of the
2 entity”.

3 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act.

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