

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 353

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the rural add-on payment in the Medicare home health benefit, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Ms. CANTWELL) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE HOME HEALTH RURAL ADD-ON.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 421 of the Medicare Pre-
8 scription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of
9 2003 (Public Law 108–173; 117 Stat. 2283), as amended
10 by section 5201(b) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005

1 (Public Law 109–171; 120 Stat. 46), section 3131(c) of
2 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public
3 Law 111–148; 124 Stat. 428), and section 210 of the
4 Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015
5 (Public Law 114–10; 129 Stat. 87), is amended by strik-
6 ing “January 1, 2018” each place it appears and inserting
7 “January 1, 2023”.

8 (b) REVISION OF HOME HEALTH OUTLIER ADJUST-
9 MENT.—Section 1895(b)(5)(A) of the Social Security Act
10 (42 U.S.C. 1395fff(b)(5)(A)) is amended, in the second
11 sentence, by inserting “(or, in the case of each of 2018
12 through 2022, 2.25 percent)” after “2.5 percent”.

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