

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2131

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate a provision under the Medicare Advantage program that inadvertently penalizes Medicare Advantage plans for providing high quality care to Medicare beneficiaries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2019

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania) 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 “Medicare Advantage
5 Quality Payment Relief Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELIEF FROM QUALITY BONUS PENALTY IN CAL-**
2 **CULATION OF THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE**
3 **BLENDED BENCHMARK CAP.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1853(n)(4) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–23(n)(4)) is amended by
6 striking “determined taking into account” and inserting
7 “determined without regard to”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) shall apply to plan years beginning on or
10 after January 1, 2020.

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