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S. 3230

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an extension of funding for technical assistance to small practices and practices in health professional shortage areas under the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2020

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself and Mr. PORTMAN) 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 “Technical Assistance
5 for Small and Underserved Providers to Prevent Over-
6 sights and Refocus on Treatment Act” or the “TA SUP-
7 PORT Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL ASSIST-**
 2 **ANCE TO SMALL PRACTICES AND PRACTICES**
 3 **IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE**
 4 **AREAS UNDER MIPS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1848(q)(11)(B) of the So-
 6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(q)(11)(B)) is
 7 amended by striking “through 2020” and inserting
 8 “through 2025”.

9 (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—

10 (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and
 11 Human Services (in this subsection referred to as
 12 the “Secretary”) shall conduct a study on the im-
 13 pact of the technical assistance funded under para-
 14 graph (11) of section 1848(q) of the Social Security
 15 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(q)). Such study shall in-
 16 clude an analysis of—

17 (A) the practices that have received tech-
 18 nical assistance through such funding; and

19 (B) the progress that professionals in such
 20 practices have made to improve within the
 21 Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)
 22 under such section 1848(q); and

23 (C) the progress that professionals in such
 24 practices have made to transition to the imple-
 25 mentation of and participation in an alternative
 26 payment model as described in section

1 1833(z)(3)(C) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
2 1395l(z)(3)(C)).

3 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after
4 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
5 shall submit to Congress a report on the study con-
6 ducted under paragraph (1), together with rec-
7 ommendations for such legislation and administra-
8 tive action as the Secretary determines appropriate.

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