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H. R. 7106

To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline care delivery in skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself and Mrs. DINGELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 “Enhancing Skilled
5 Nursing Facilities Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STREAMLINING CARE DELIVERY IN SKILLED NURS-**
 2 **ING FACILITIES AND NURSING FACILITIES.**

3 (a) MEDICARE.—

4 (1) CERTIFICATION OF POST-HOSPITAL EX-
 5 TENDED CARE SERVICES.—Section 1814(a)(2) of the
 6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(2)) is
 7 amended by striking “who does not” and all that fol-
 8 lows through “physician,,” and inserting “working
 9 in accordance with State law,”.

10 (2) SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT IN SKILLED
 11 NURSING FACILITY SERVICES.—Section
 12 1819(b)(6)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 13 1395i-3(b)(6)(A)) is amended—

14 (A) in the header, by striking “PHYSICIAN
 15 SUPERVISION” and inserting “SUPERVISION”;
 16 and

17 (B) by inserting “or a nurse practitioner
 18 or physician assistant, in accordance with State
 19 law” after “physician”.

20 (3) ADMINISTRATION OF PART B.—Section
 21 1842(b)(2)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 22 1395u(b)(2)(C)) is amended—

23 (A) by inserting “, a nurse practitioner, or
 24 a physician assistant” after “a physician”; and

25 (B) by striking “and includes a physician
 26 assistant acting under the supervision of the

1 physician or a nurse practitioner working in col-
 2 laboration with that physician, or both”.

3 (4) PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND OTHER
 4 HEALTH SERVICES.—Section 1861(s)(2)(K)(ii) of
 5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 6 1395x(s)(2)(K)(ii)) is amended by striking “or clin-
 7 ical nurse specialist (as defined in subsection
 8 (aa)(5)) working in collaboration (as defined in sub-
 9 section (aa)(6)) with a physician (as defined in sub-
 10 section (r)(1))” and inserting “(as defined in sub-
 11 section (aa)(5)(A)), or by a clinical nurse specialist
 12 (as defined in subsection (aa)(5)(B)) working in col-
 13 laboration with a physician (as defined in subsection
 14 (r)(1)),”.

15 (5) SCOPE OF SERVICES.—Section
 16 1819(b)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 17 1395i–3(b)(2)(B)) is amended by inserting “(or a
 18 nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or clinical
 19 nurse specialist working in accordance with State
 20 law)” after “attending physician”.

21 (6) RESIDENTS’ RIGHTS.—Section 1819(c) of
 22 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(c)) is
 23 amended—

24 (A) in paragraph (1)(A)(i), by inserting
 25 “nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or clin-

1 ical nurse specialist working in accordance with
 2 State law” after “attending physician”;

3 (B) in paragraph (2)(A), in the matter fol-
 4 lowing clause (vi)—

5 (i) by inserting “nurse practitioner,
 6 physician assistant, or clinical nurse spe-
 7 cialist working in accordance with State
 8 law” after “resident’s physician”; and

9 (ii) by inserting “, nurse practitioner,
 10 physician assistant, or clinical nurse spe-
 11 cialist working in accordance with State
 12 law” after “a physician”; and

13 (C) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “,
 14 nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or clin-
 15 ical nurse specialist working in accordance with
 16 State law” after “physician”.

17 (b) MEDICAID.—

18 (1) CERTIFICATION OF SKILLED NURSING FA-
 19 CILITY SERVICES AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACIL-
 20 ITY SERVICES.—Section 1902(a)(44) of the Social
 21 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(44)) is amend-
 22 ed—

23 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

24 (i) by striking “(or, in the case of
 25 skilled nursing facility services or inter-

mediate care facility services” and inserting “(or, in the case of intermediate care facility services”;

(ii) by striking “physician) certifies” and inserting “physician, or, in the case of skilled nursing facility services, a physician, or a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, or a clinical nurse specialist working in accordance with State law) certifies”;

(iii) by striking “a physician, or, in the case of skilled nursing facility services or” and inserting “a physician, or, in the case of”; and

(iv) by inserting “or, in the case of skilled nursing facility services, a physician, or a nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, or a clinical nurse specialist working in accordance with State law,” before “recertifies”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) by striking “skilled nursing facility services or”; and

(ii) by inserting “, or, in the case of skilled nursing facility services, a physi-

1 cian, or a nurse practitioner, a physician
2 assistant, or a clinical nurse specialist
3 working in accordance with State law” be-
4 fore the semicolon.

5 (2) NURSING FACILITY SERVICES SUPERVISION
6 AND CLINICAL RECORDS.—Section 1919(b)(6)(A) of
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r(b)(6)(A))
8 is amended to read as follows:

9 “(A) require that the health care of every
10 resident be provided under the supervision of a
11 physician or nurse practitioner or a physician
12 assistant (or, at the option of a State, under
13 the supervision of a clinical nurse specialist);”.

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