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S. 1168

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of portable ultrasound transportation and set up services under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) 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 “Portable Ultrasound
5 Reimbursement Equity Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF PORTABLE ULTRASOUND TRANS-**
 2 **PORTATION AND SET UP SERVICES UNDER**
 3 **THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(3) of the Social
 5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(3)) is amended by strik-
 6 ing “diagnostic X-ray tests” and inserting “diagnostic X-
 7 ray and ultrasound tests”.

8 (b) ENSURING EQUITABLE PAYMENT FOR PORTABLE
 9 ULTRASOUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.—Section
 10 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m) is
 11 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 12 section:

13 “(aa) ENSURING EQUITABLE PAYMENT FOR PORT-
 14 ABLE ULTRASOUND TRANSPORTATION AND SET UP
 15 SERVICES.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide
 17 a separate payment under this part for portable
 18 ultrasound transportation and set up services in the
 19 same manner and to the same extent that separate
 20 payments are provided for portable X-ray transpor-
 21 tation and set up services.

22 “(2) PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS.—The Sec-
 23 retary shall specify requirements applicable to sup-
 24 pliers of portable ultrasound transportation and set
 25 up services under this part. Such requirements shall
 26 be substantially similar to the requirements applica-

1 ble to suppliers of portable X-ray services under sub-
2 part C of part 486 of title 42, Code of Federal Reg-
3 ulations (or a successor regulation).”.

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall apply with respect to services furnished
6 on or after January 1, 2027.

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