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S. 2831

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for certain fall prevention items under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 17 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 16), 2025

Mr. KING 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 “Stand Strong for Medi-
5 care Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN FALL PRE-**
7 **VENTION ITEMS UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**
8 **GRAM.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) COVERAGE.—Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

(A) in subsection (n)—

(i) by striking “and wheelchairs” and inserting “wheelchairs”; and

(ii) by inserting “, and fall prevention items (as defined in subsection (nnn))” after “may prescribe”; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(nnn) FALL PREVENTION ITEMS.—The term ‘fall prevention items’ includes grab bars, non-slip mats, shower chairs, bed rails, and such other items or categories of items as the Secretary may specify.”.

(2) EXCLUSION MODIFICATION.—Section 1862(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(1)) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (O), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (P), by striking the semicolon and inserting “, and”; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(Q) in the case of fall prevention items (as defined in section 1861(nnn)), which are not furnished

1 pursuant to an order of a physician or practitioner
2 (as described in section 1842(b)(18)(C));”.

3 (b) EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.—Notwith-
4 standing any other provision of law, payments for fall pre-
5 vention items (as defined in section 1861(nnn) of the So-
6 cial Security Act, as added by subsection (a)) under the
7 Medicare program shall not be subject to any reduction
8 under a sequestration issued under the Balanced Budget
9 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Statutory
10 Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, or any other provision law.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply beginning 60 days after the date
13 of the enactment of this Act.

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