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AN ACT

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare sustainable growth rate and strengthen Medicare access by improving physician payments and making other improvements, to reauthorize the Children’s Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.
Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
“Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of
2015”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—SGR REPEAL AND MEDICARE PROVIDER PAYMENT
MODERNIZATION

Sec. 101. Repealing the sustainable growth rate (SGR) and improving Medicare
payment for physicians’ services.
Sec. 102. Priorities and funding for measure development.
Sec. 103. Encouraging care management for individuals with chronic care
needs.
Sec. 104. Empowering beneficiary choices through continued access to informa-
tion on physicians’ services.
Sec. 105. Expanding availability of Medicare data.
Sec. 106. Reducing administrative burden and other provisions.

TITLE II—MEDICARE AND OTHER HEALTH EXTENDERS

Subtitle A—Medicare Extenders

Sec. 201. Extension of work GPCI floor.
Sec. 202. Extension of therapy cap exceptions process.
Sec. 203. Extension of ambulance add-ons.
Sec. 204. Extension of increased inpatient hospital payment adjustment for cer-
tain low-volume hospitals.
Sec. 205. Extension of the Medicare-dependent hospital (MDH) program.
Sec. 206. Extension for specialized Medicare Advantage plans for special needs
individuals.
Sec. 207. Extension of funding for quality measure endorsement, input, and selec-
tion.
Sec. 208. Extension of funding outreach and assistance for low-income pro-
grams.
Sec. 209. Extension and transition of reasonable cost reimbursement contracts.

Subtitle B—Other Health Extenders

Sec. 211. Permanent extension of the qualifying individual (QI) program.
Sec. 212. Permanent extension of transitional medical assistance (TMA).

(a) Payments for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015.—

(1) Payments Required.—Section 101 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended by striking “2013” both places it appears and inserting “2015”.

(2) Prompt Payment.—Payments for fiscal year 2014 under title I of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111 et seq.), as amended by this section, shall be made not later than 45 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) Reduction in Fiscal Year 2014 Payments on Account of Previous 25- and 50-Percent Payments.—Section 101 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7111) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(e) Special Rule for Fiscal Year 2014 Payments.—

“(1) State Payment.—If an eligible county in a State that will receive a share of the State pay-
ment for fiscal year 2014 has already received, or will receive, a share of the 25-percent payment for fiscal year 2014 distributed to the State before the date of the enactment of this subsection, the amount of the State payment shall be reduced by the amount of that eligible county’s share of the 25-percent payment.

“(2) County Payment.—If an eligible county that will receive a county payment for fiscal year 2014 has already received a 50-percent payment for that fiscal year, the amount of the county payment shall be reduced by the amount of the 50-percent payment.”.


(b) Use of Fiscal Year 2013 Elections and Reservations for Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015.—Section 102 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7112) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(1), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
“(C) Effect of late payment for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.—The election otherwise required by subparagraph (A) shall not apply for fiscal year 2014 or 2015.”;

(2) in subsection (b)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the end the following new sentence: “If such two-fiscal year period included fiscal year 2013, the county election to receive a share of the 25-percent payment or 50-percent payment, as applicable, also shall be effective for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.”; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “2013” the second place it appears and inserting “2015”; and

(3) in subsection (d)—

(A) by adding at the end of paragraph (1) the following new subparagraph:

“(E) Effect of late payment for fiscal year 2014.—The election made by an eligible county under subparagraph (B), (C), or (D) for fiscal year 2013, or deemed to be made by the county under paragraph (3)(B) for that fiscal year, shall be effective for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.”; and
(B) by adding at the end of paragraph (3) the following new subparagraph:

“(C) Effect of late payment for fiscal year 2014.—This paragraph does not apply for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.”.

(c) Special Projects on Federal Land.—Title II of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7121 et seq.) is amended—

(1) in section 203(a)(1) (16 U.S.C. 7123(a)(1)), by striking “September 30 for fiscal year 2008 (or as soon thereafter as the Secretary concerned determines is practicable), and each September 30 thereafter for each succeeding fiscal year through fiscal year 2013” and inserting “September 30 of each fiscal year (or a later date specified by the Secretary concerned for the fiscal year)”;

(2) in section 204(e)(3)(B)(iii) (16 U.S.C. 7124(e)(3)(B)(iii)), by striking “each of fiscal years 2010 through 2013” and inserting “fiscal year 2010 and fiscal years thereafter”;

(3) in section 207(a) (16 U.S.C. 7127(a)), by striking “September 30, 2008 (or as soon thereafter as the Secretary concerned determines is practicable), and each September 30 thereafter for each
succeeding fiscal year through fiscal year 2013” and
inserting “September 30 of each fiscal year (or a
later date specified by the Secretary concerned for
the fiscal year)”;

(4) in section 208 (16 U.S.C. 7128)—

(A) in subsection (a), by striking “2013”
and inserting “2017”; and

(B) in subsection (b), by striking “2014”
and inserting “2018”.

(d) COUNTY FUNDS.—Section 304 of the Secure
Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of
2000 (16 U.S.C. 7144) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “2013” and
inserting “2017”; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking “2014” and
inserting “2018”.

(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
402 of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Deter-
mination Act of 2000 (16 U.S.C. 7152) is amended by
striking “for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2013”.

SEC. 525. EXCLUSION FROM PAYGO SCORECARDS.

(a) STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO SCORECARDS.—The
budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on either
PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of
(b) Senate PAYGO Scorecards.—The budgetary effects of this Act shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 201 of S. Con. Res. 21 (110th Congress).

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Attest:

Clerk.
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