

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 253

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to repeal the Medicare outpatient rehabilitation therapy caps.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CASEY, and Mr. HELLER) 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 “Medicare Access to
5 Rehabilitation Services Act of 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. OUTPATIENT THERAPY CAP REPEAL.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833 of the Social Secu-
8 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395(l)) is amended by striking sub-
9 section (g).

1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
 2 1842(t)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 3 1395u(t)(2)) is amended—

4 (1) by striking “(2) Each request” and all that
 5 follows through “1833(a)(8)(B),” and inserting
 6 “(2)(A) Each request for payment, or bill submitted,
 7 for therapy services described in subparagraph (B)”;
 8 and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 10 paragraph:

11 “(B) The following therapy services are described in
 12 this subparagraph:

13 “(i) Physical therapy services of the type de-
 14 scribed in section 1861(p) and speech-language pa-
 15 thology services of the type described in such section
 16 through the application of section 1861(l)(2), in-
 17 cluding services described in section 1833(a)(8)(B),
 18 and physical therapy services and speech-language
 19 pathology services of such type which are furnished
 20 by a physician or as incident to physicians’ services.

21 “(ii) Occupational therapy services of the type
 22 that are described in section 1861(p), including serv-
 23 ices described in section 1833(a)(8)(B), through the
 24 operation of section 1861(g) and of such type which

- 1 are furnished by a physician or as incident to physi-
- 2 cians' services.”.

