

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. 1732

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## AN ACT

To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to promote testing of incentive payments for behavioral health providers for adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Improving Access to  
3 Behavioral Health Information Technology Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TESTING OF INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR BEHAV-**  
5 **IORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS FOR ADOPTION**  
6 **AND USE OF CERTIFIED ELECTRONIC**  
7 **HEALTH RECORD TECHNOLOGY.**

8       Section 1115A(b)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act  
9 (42 U.S.C. 1315a(b)(2)(B)) is amended by adding at the  
10 end the following new clause:

11               “(xxv) Providing incentive payments  
12               to behavioral health providers for the adop-  
13               tion and use of certified electronic health  
14               record technology (as defined in section  
15               1848(o)(4)) to improve the quality and co-  
16               ordination of care through the electronic  
17               documentation and exchange of health in-  
18               formation. Behavioral health providers may  
19               include—

20                       “(I) psychiatric hospitals (as de-  
21                       fined in section 1861(f));

22                       “(II) community mental health  
23                       centers (as defined in section  
24                       1861(ff)(3)(B));

25                       “(III) clinical psychologists (as  
26                       defined in section 1861(ii));

1                   “(IV) clinical social workers (as  
2                   defined in section 1861(hh)(1)); and  
3                   “(V) hospitals, treatment facili-  
4                   ties, and mental health or substance  
5                   use disorder providers that participate  
6                   in a State plan under title XIX or a  
7                   waiver of such plan.”.

Passed the Senate May 7, 2018.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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