

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 431

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the use of telehealth for individuals with stroke.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. WICKER) 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 “Furthering Access to
5 Stroke Telemedicine Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING THE USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH STROKE.**

8 Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended by adding at the end the
10 following new paragraph:

1 “(5) TREATMENT OF STROKE TELEHEALTH
2 SERVICES.—

3 “(A) NON-APPLICATION OF ORIGINATING
4 SITE REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements de-
5 scribed in paragraph (4)(C) shall not apply with
6 respect to telehealth services furnished on or
7 after January 1, 2018, for purposes of evalua-
8 tion of an acute stroke, as determined by the
9 Secretary.

10 “(B) NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY
11 FEE.—The Secretary shall not pay an origi-
12 nating site facility fee (as described in para-
13 graph (2)(B)) with respect to such telehealth
14 services.”.

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