

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2373

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the accreditation of osteopathic residency training programs for purposes of graduate medical education payments under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ACCREDITATION OF OSTEOPATHIC RESIDENCY**
 2 **TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PURPOSES OF**
 3 **GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION PAYMENTS**
 4 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

5 Section 1886(h)(5) of the Social Security Act (42
 6 U.S.C. 1395ww(h)(5)) is amended—

7 (1) by amending subparagraph (A) to read as
 8 follows:

9 “(A) APPROVED MEDICAL RESIDENCY
 10 TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term ‘approved med-
 11 ical residency training program’ means a resi-
 12 dency or other postgraduate medical training
 13 program, including an osteopathic community
 14 residency training program—

15 “(i) participation in which may be
 16 counted toward certification in a specialty
 17 or subspecialty; and

18 “(ii) which has been approved by an
 19 accrediting body certified by the Sec-
 20 retary.”;

21 (2) by amending subparagraph (D) to read as
 22 follows:

23 “(D) FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATE.—The
 24 term ‘foreign medical graduate’ means a resi-
 25 dent who is not a graduate of—

26 “(i) an accredited school of medicine;

1 “(ii) an accredited school of osteop-
2 athy; or

3 “(iii) an accredited school of dentistry
4 or podiatry.”;

5 (3) in subparagraph (G)(iii), by striking “Ac-
6 creditation Council on Graduate Medical Education”
7 and inserting “accreditor”; and

8 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraphs:

10 “(L) OSTEOPATHIC COMMUNITY RESI-
11 DENCY TRAINING PROGRAM.—The term ‘osteop-
12 pathic community residency training program’
13 means an osteopathic medical residency train-
14 ing program that primarily relies on physicians
15 who train residents in the residency training
16 program on a volunteer basis while continuing
17 to provide full-time patient care services.

18 “(M) MULTIPLE ACCREDITING BODIES
19 FOR ALLOPATHIC AND OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL
20 RESIDENCY TRAINING PROGRAMS.—The Sec-
21 retary shall certify a minimum of two accred-
22 iting bodies for the purpose of accrediting med-
23 ical residency training programs in allopathic
24 and osteopathic medicine.”.

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