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S. 2898

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove lifetime limits under State Medicaid programs on medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2018

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) 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 “Medication-Assisted
5 Treatment Improvement Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REMOVING LIFETIME LIMITS ON MEDICATION-AS-**
 2 **SISTED TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE**
 3 **DISORDERS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1927(d) of the Social Se-
 5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–8(d)) is amended—

6 (1) in the subsection heading, by striking “ON”
 7 and inserting “AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO
 8 THE”; and

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

11 “(8) NO MAXIMUM LIFETIME LIMIT ON MEDICA-
 12 TION-ASSISTED TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE USE
 13 DISORDERS.—Any State that provides medical as-
 14 sistance for covered outpatient drugs shall not im-
 15 pose a maximum lifetime limit on medical assistance
 16 for medication-assisted treatments for substance use
 17 disorders that have been approved by the Food and
 18 Drug Administration.”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
 21 graph (2), paragraph (8) of section 1927(d) of the
 22 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–8(d)), as
 23 added by subsection (a)(2), shall take effect on the
 24 first day of the first calendar quarter that begins on
 25 or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (2) EXCEPTION FOR STATE LEGISLATION.—In
2 the case of a State plan for medical assistance under
3 title XIX of the Social Security Act which the Sec-
4 retary of Health and Human Services determines re-
5 quires State legislation (other than legislation appro-
6 priating funds) in order for the plan to meet the ad-
7 ditional requirement imposed by paragraph (8) of
8 section 1927(d) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1396r-8(d)), as added by subsection (a)(2),
10 the State plan shall not be regarded as failing to
11 comply with the requirements of such title solely on
12 the basis of its failure to meet this additional re-
13 quirement before the first day of the first calendar
14 quarter beginning after the close of the first regular
15 session of the State legislature that begins after the
16 date of the enactment of this Act.

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