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# S. 2793

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require coverage without a deductible of certain primary care services by high deductible health plans.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 6, 2019

Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 “Primary Care Patient  
5 Protection Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT OF COVERAGE WITHOUT DEDUCT-**  
7 **IBLE OF CERTAIN PRIMARY CARE SERVICES**  
8 **BY HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(c)(2)(B) of the Inter-  
10 nal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “if sub-

1 substantially all of its coverage is coverage described in para-  
 2 graph (1)(B).” and inserting the following: “if—

3 “(i) substantially all of its coverage is  
 4 coverage described in paragraph (1)(B), or

5 “(ii) such plan has a deductible for  
 6 primary care services provided by a quali-  
 7 fied provider as part of a qualified visit.”.

8 (b) QUALIFIED PRIMARY CARE SERVICES DE-  
 9 FINED.—Section 223(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of  
 10 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following new  
 11 paragraph:

12 “(6) PRIMARY CARE SERVICES.—The term ‘pri-  
 13 mary care services’ has the meaning given such term  
 14 by section 1833(x)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act,  
 15 without regard to clauses (ii) and (iii) of such sec-  
 16 tion.

17 “(7) QUALIFIED PROVIDER.—The term ‘quali-  
 18 fied provider’ means a general practitioner, family  
 19 physician, general internist, obstetrician, gyne-  
 20 cologist, pediatrician, geriatric physician, or ad-  
 21 vanced practice registered nurse acting in accord-  
 22 ance with State laws.

23 “(8) QUALIFIED VISIT.—The term ‘qualified  
 24 visit’ means, with respect to an individual for a plan  
 25 year, either of the first 2 visits by the individual

1       during the year with a qualified provider who is des-  
2       ignated by such individual as the primary care pro-  
3       vider for such individual.”.

4       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
5 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after the  
6 date of the enactment of this Act.

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