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# S. 581

To include information concerning a patient's opioid addiction in certain medical records.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2017

Mr. MANCHIN (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 “Jessie’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF OPIOID ADDICTION HISTORY IN PA-**  
6 **TIENT RECORDS.**

7 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDS.—Not later than  
8 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
9 retary of Health and Human Services shall develop and  
10 disseminate standards to provide information to hospitals

1 and physicians relating to prominently displaying the his-  
2 tory of opioid addiction in the medical records (including  
3 electronic health records) of any patient who has provided  
4 information about such addiction to a health care pro-  
5 vider.

6 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The standards developed  
7 under subsection (a) shall take into account the following:

8 (1) The potential for addiction relapse or over-  
9 dose death if opioid medications are prescribed to an  
10 individual recovering from opioid addiction.

11 (2) The need to display the past opioid addic-  
12 tion of a patient in a manner similar to other poten-  
13 tially lethal medical concerns, including drug aller-  
14 gies and contraindications.

15 (3) The need for information about past opioid  
16 addiction to be prominently displayed when a physi-  
17 cian or medical professional is prescribing medica-  
18 tion.

19 (4) The need for a variety of medical profes-  
20 sionals, including physicians, nurses, and phar-  
21 macists, to have access to information described in  
22 this section when prescribing or dispensing opioid  
23 medication to ensure that the medication is medi-

- 1 cally appropriate given the history of addiction of
- 2 the patient.

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