

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 2131

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 8, 2019

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. GUTHRIE, and Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania) 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

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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 “Medicare Advantage  
5 Quality Payment Relief Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELIEF FROM QUALITY BONUS PENALTY IN CAL-**  
2 **CULATION OF THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE**  
3 **BLENDED BENCHMARK CAP.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1853(n)(4) of the Social  
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–23(n)(4)) is amended by  
6 striking “determined taking into account” and inserting  
7 “determined without regard to”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) shall apply to plan years beginning on or  
10 after January 1, 2020.

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