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S. 769

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to align physician supervision requirements under the Medicare program for radiology services performed by advanced level radiographers with State requirements.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 29, 2017

Mr. BOOZMAN (for himself and Mr. CASEY) 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 “Medicare Access to
5 Radiology Care Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALIGNING PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION REQUIRE-**
 2 **MENTS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM**
 3 **FOR RADIOLOGY SERVICES PERFORMED BY**
 4 **ADVANCED LEVEL RADIOGRAPHERS WITH**
 5 **STATE REQUIREMENTS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(b) of the Social Se-
 7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(b)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (6), by inserting “, subject to
 9 paragraph (7),” after “includes radiology services”;
 10 and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 12 paragraph:

13 “(7) TREATMENT OF SERVICES PERFORMED BY
 14 ADVANCED LEVEL RADIOGRAPHERS.—For purposes
 15 of paragraph (6), in the case of radiology services
 16 performed by an advanced level radiographer (as de-
 17 fined in section 1861(jjj)) in a State that has estab-
 18 lished standards for the direction or supervision by
 19 a physician of such a radiographer performing such
 20 services, such services shall be treated as performed
 21 under the direction or supervision of a physician if
 22 such services are performed under the direction or
 23 supervision of a physician to the extent required
 24 under such State law.”.

25 (b) ADVANCED LEVEL RADIOGRAPHER DEFINED.—
 26 Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)

1 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “Advanced Level Radiographer

4 “(jjj) The term ‘advanced level radiographer’ means
5 a radiographer who is certified by the American Registry
6 of Radiologic Technologists as a registered radiologist as-
7 sistant or by the Certification Board for Radiology Practi-
8 tioner Assistants as a radiology practitioner assistant to
9 perform radiology services under the supervision of a radi-
10 ologist.”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply with respect to services performed
13 on or after the date that is 60 days after the date of the
14 enactment of this Act.

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