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H. R. 7279

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. SMUCKER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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 “Remove Duplicative
5 Unnecessary Clerical Exchanges Act” or the “REDUCE
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCING THE ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN ON PHY-**
2 **SICIANS AND PHYSICAL THERAPISTS WITH**
3 **RESPECT TO PLAN OF CARE CERTIFICATION**
4 **AND RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

5 Section 1835(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395n(a)) is amended by adding at the end of the flush
7 left text the following: “With respect to the certification
8 and recertification requirements under paragraph (2), in
9 the case of outpatient physical therapy services or out-
10 patient occupational therapy services (as described in sub-
11 paragraph (C) of such paragraph) furnished to an indi-
12 vidual on or after the date of enactment of this sentence
13 under an order from a physician, such requirements shall
14 be deemed satisfied if the qualified physical therapist or
15 occupational therapist submits a plan of care to the order-
16 ing physician within 30 days of such qualified physical
17 therapist or occupational therapist completing an initial
18 evaluation of such individual or documenting the need for
19 additional intervals of service. Such ordering physician
20 may amend such plan of care within 10 business days of
21 the receipt of such plan of care. No references to an order
22 in this subsection shall be construed to require an order
23 for outpatient physical therapy or occupational therapy.”.

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