

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1554

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2017

Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

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.

○