

112<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4127

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to exempt certain requests by physicians for consultations by radiation oncologists from the limitation on certain physician referrals under Medicare.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2012

Mr. HECK (for himself, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. AMODEI, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. BENISHEK, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, and Mr. SESSIONS) 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. EXEMPTING CERTAIN REQUESTS BY PHYSI-**  
2 **CIA NS FOR CONSULTATIONS BY RADIATION**  
3 **ONCOLOGISTS FROM THE LIMITATION ON**  
4 **CERTAIN PHYSICIAN REFERRALS UNDER**  
5 **MEDICARE.**

6 Section 1877(h)(5)(C) of the Social Security Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 1395nn(h)(5)(C)) is amended by adding at the end  
8 the following new sentence: “With respect to an individual  
9 admitted as an inpatient of a hospital, a request by a phy-  
10 sician, after such admission, for a consultation by a radi-  
11 ation oncologist that results in an order for radiation ther-  
12 apy for such individual does not constitute a referral by  
13 a referring physician.”.

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