

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5506

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for direct payment to physician assistants under the Medicare program for certain services furnished by such physician assistants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself and Ms. SEWELL of Alabama) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DIRECT MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**
2 **FURNISHED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1832(a)(2)(B) of the So-
4 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395k(a)(2)(B)) is amended
5 by adding at the end the following new clause:

6 “(v) services of a physician assistant
7 but only if no facility or other provider
8 charges or is paid any amounts with re-
9 spect to the furnishing of such services;”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to services fur-
12 nished on or after July 1, 2019.

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