

114TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2382

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to strengthen intensive cardiac rehabilitation programs under the Medicare program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 9, 2015

Mr. HELLER (for himself, Mr. BENNET, and Mr. BLUNT) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Strengthening Medi-  
5 care Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation Programs Act of  
6 2015”.

7 **SEC. 2. REVISED REQUIREMENTS FOR MEDICARE INTEN-**  
8 **SIVE CARE REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.**

9 Section 1861(eee)(4) of the Social Security Act (42  
10 U.S.C. 1395x(eee)(4)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

2 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i)—

3 (i) by striking “physician-supervised  
4 program (as described in paragraph (2))”  
5 and inserting “program (supervised as de-  
6 scribed in paragraph (2))”; and

7 (ii) by striking “, in peer-reviewed  
8 published research, that it accomplished”  
9 and inserting “in peer-reviewed published  
10 research of its own program, that by life-  
11 style changes alone it accomplished”;

12 (B) in clause (i)—

13 (i) in subclause (I), by striking “posi-  
14 tively affected” and inserting “reversed”;

15 (ii) in subclause (II), by striking “or”  
16 and inserting “and”; and

17 (iii) by striking subclause (III);

18 (C) in clause (ii), in the matter preceding  
19 subclause (I), by inserting “both a statistically  
20 significant increase in the measure of blood flow  
21 to the heart when compared to a control group  
22 and” before “a statistically significant”; and

23 (D) by adding at the end the following new  
24 sentence:

1 “Programs that the Secretary approved under this para-  
2 graph before August 1, 2015, as intensive cardiac rehabili-  
3 tation programs according to the requirements under this  
4 subparagraph before the date of the enactment of the  
5 Strengthening Medicare Intensive Cardiac Rehabilitation  
6 Programs Act of 2015 shall be deemed to meet the re-  
7 quirements under this subparagraph applied pursuant to  
8 the amendments made by such Act.”; and

9 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

10 (A) in clause (v), by striking at the end  
11 “or”;

12 (B) in clause (vi), by striking at the end  
13 the period; and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
15 clauses:

16 “(vii) stable, chronic heart failure (defined  
17 as patients with left ventricular ejection fraction  
18 of 35 percent or less and New York Heart As-  
19 sociation (NYHA) class II to IV symptoms de-  
20 spite being on optimal heart failure therapy for  
21 at least 6 weeks); or

22 “(viii) any additional condition for which  
23 the Secretary has determined that a cardiac re-  
24 habilitation program shall be covered.”.

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