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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include screening for potential substance use disorders and a review of any current opioid prescriptions as part of the initial preventive physical examination and the annual wellness visit under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2018

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. NELSON, Mr. THUNE, Mr. CASIDY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Comprehensive
5 Screenings for Seniors Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF SCREENING FOR POTENTIAL SUB-**
2 **STANCE USE DISORDERS AND A REVIEW OF**
3 **ANY CURRENT OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS AS**
4 **PART OF THE INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYS-**
5 **ICAL EXAMINATION AND THE ANNUAL**
6 **WELLNESS VISIT UNDER MEDICARE.**

7 (a) INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINA-
8 TION.—Section 1861(ww) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1395x(ww)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) by striking “paragraph (2) and” and
12 inserting “paragraph (2),”; and

13 (B) by inserting “and the furnishing of a
14 review of any current opioid prescriptions (as
15 defined in paragraph (4)),” after “upon the
16 agreement with the individual,”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (2)—

18 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (N) as
19 subparagraph (O); and

20 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (M)
21 the following new subparagraph:

22 “(N) Screening for potential substance use
23 disorders.”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new
25 paragraph:

1 “(4) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘a re-
2 view of any current opioid prescriptions’ means, with re-
3 spect to an individual determined to have a current pre-
4 scription for opioids—

5 “(A) a review of the potential risk factors to the
6 individual for opioid use disorder;

7 “(B) an evaluation of the individual’s severity
8 of pain and current treatment plan;

9 “(C) the provision of information on non-opioid
10 treatment options; and

11 “(D) a referral to a pain management spe-
12 cialist, as appropriate.”.

13 (b) ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT.—Section
14 1861(hhh)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1395x(hhh)(2)) is amended—

16 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as sub-
17 paragraph (I); and

18 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-
19 lowing new subparagraphs:

20 “(G) Screening for potential substance use
21 disorders and referral for treatment as appro-
22 priate.

23 “(H) The furnishing of a review of any
24 current opioid prescriptions (as defined in sub-
25 section (ww)(4)).”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to examinations and visits fur-
3 nished on or after January 1, 2019.

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