

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 3244

To amend the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 to extend funding outreach and assistance for low-income programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Mr. WARNER 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 “Helping Seniors Lower
5 Their Health Care Costs Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF FUNDING OUTREACH AND ASSIST-**
7 **ANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PROGRAMS.**

8 (a) STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS.—Sub-
9 section (a)(1)(B) of section 119 of the Medicare Improve-
10 ments for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (42 U.S.C.

1 1395b–3 note), as amended by section 3306 of the Patient
2 Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111–
3 148), section 610 of the American Taxpayer Relief Act
4 of 2012 (Public Law 112–240), section 1110 of the Path-
5 way for SGR Reform Act of 2013 (Public Law 113–67),
6 section 110 of the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of
7 2014 (Public Law 113–93), section 208 of the Medicare
8 Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (Public
9 Law 114–10), section 50207 of division E of the Bipar-
10 tisan Budget Act of 2018 (Public Law 115–123), section
11 1402 of division B of the Continuing Appropriations Act,
12 2020, and Health Extenders Act of 2019 (Public Law
13 116–59), section 1402 of division B of the Further Con-
14 tinuing Appropriations Act, 2020, and Further Health
15 Extenders Act of 2019 (Public Law 116–69), section 103
16 of division N of the Further Consolidated Appropriations
17 Act, 2020 (Public Law 116–94), section 3803 of the
18 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136), section 2203 of the
19 Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Exten-
20 sions Act (Public Law 116–159), section 1102 of the Fur-
21 ther Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021, and Other Ex-
22 tensions Act (Public Law 116–215), and section 103 of
23 division CC of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021
24 (Public Law 116–260), is amended—

25 (1) in clause (xii), by striking “and” at the end;

1 (2) in clause (xiii), by striking the period at the
2 end and inserting “; and”; and

3 (3) by inserting after clause (xiii) the following
4 new clause:

5 “(xiv) for fiscal year 2024,
6 \$15,000,000.”.

7 (b) AREA AGENCIES ON AGING.—Subsection
8 (b)(1)(B) of such section 119, as so amended, is amend-
9 ed—

10 (1) in clause (xii), by striking “and” at the end;

11 (2) in clause (xiii), by striking the period at the
12 end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by inserting after clause (xiii) the following
14 new clause:

15 “(xiv) for fiscal year 2024,
16 \$15,000,000.”.

17 (c) AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS.—
18 Subsection (c)(1)(B) of such section 119, as so amended,
19 is amended—

20 (1) in clause (xii), by striking “and” at the end;

21 (2) in clause (xiii), by striking the comma at
22 the end and inserting “; and”; and

23 (3) by inserting after clause (xiii) the following
24 new clause:

1 “(xiv) for fiscal year 2024,
2 \$5,000,000.”.

3 (d) CONTRACT WITH THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR
4 BENEFITS AND OUTREACH ENROLLMENT.—Subsection
5 (d)(2) of such section 119, as so amended, is amended—

6 (1) in clause (xii), by striking “and” at the end;

7 (2) in clause (xiii), by striking the period at the
8 end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (3) by inserting after clause (xiii) the following
10 new clause:

11 “(xiv) for fiscal year 2024,
12 \$15,000,000.”.

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