

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3497

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2018

Mr. DAINES (for himself and Mr. KING) 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 “Medicare Advantage
5 Quality Payment Relief Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. RELIEF FROM QUALITY BONUS PENALTY IN CAL-**
2 **CULATION OF THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE**
3 **BLENDED BENCHMARK CAP.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1853(n)(4) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–23(n)(4)) is amended by
6 striking “determined taking into account” and inserting
7 “determined without regard to”.

8 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) shall apply to plan years beginning on or
10 after January 1, 2019.

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