

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 431

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the use of telehealth for individuals with stroke.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. WICKER) 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 “Furthering Access to  
5 Stroke Telemedicine Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING THE USE OF TELEHEALTH FOR INDI-**  
7 **VIDUALS WITH STROKE.**

8 Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended by adding at the end the  
10 following new paragraph:

1           “(5) TREATMENT OF STROKE TELEHEALTH  
2 SERVICES.—

3           “(A) NON-APPLICATION OF ORIGINATING  
4 SITE REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements de-  
5 scribed in paragraph (4)(C) shall not apply with  
6 respect to telehealth services furnished on or  
7 after January 1, 2018, for purposes of evalua-  
8 tion of an acute stroke, as determined by the  
9 Secretary.

10           “(B) NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY  
11 FEE.—The Secretary shall not pay an origi-  
12 nating site facility fee (as described in para-  
13 graph (2)(B)) with respect to such telehealth  
14 services.”.

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