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S. 5061

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage and coding for qualified psychologist services furnished by advanced psychology trainees.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2022

Mr. DAINES (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) 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 “Expand Qualified Psy-
5 chologist Services Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE AND CODING FOR QUALIFIED PSYCHOL-**
7 **OGIST SERVICES FURNISHED BY ADVANCED**
8 **PSYCHOLOGY TRAINEES.**

9 (a) COVERAGE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(ii) of the So-
2 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ii)) is amend-
3 ed—

4 (A) by inserting “(1)” after “(ii)”;

5 (B) in paragraph (1), as added by para-
6 graph (1) of this subsection, by inserting “(or
7 furnished by an advanced psychology trainee
8 under the general supervision of a clinical psy-
9 chologist (as so defined))” after “(as defined by
10 the Secretary)”;

11 (C) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) In this subsection:

14 “(A) The term ‘advanced psychology trainee’
15 means a postdoctoral resident who has obtained a
16 doctoral degree in psychology, is seeking a license to
17 practice psychology, and is engaged in a 1- or 2-year
18 period of additional supervised experiential training
19 to acquire the skills or hours required for licensure
20 through a program accredited by an organization de-
21 termined appropriate by the Secretary.

22 “(B) The term ‘general supervision’ has the
23 meaning given that term in section 410.26(a)(3) of
24 title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
25 cessor regulation).”

1 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
2 by this subsection shall apply to services furnished
3 on or after January 1, 2024.

4 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF MODIFIER.—Not later than
5 January 1, 2024, the Secretary of Health and Human
6 Services shall establish a modifier to indicate services fur-
7 nished by an advanced psychology trainee pursuant to the
8 amendments made by subsection (a).

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