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S. 654

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to cover physician services delivered by podiatric physicians to ensure access by Medicaid beneficiaries to appropriate quality foot and ankle care.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 19, 2009

Mr. BUNNING (for himself and Ms. MIKULSKI) 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 “Equity and Access for
5 Podiatric Physicians Under Medicaid Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING PODIATRISTS AS PHYSICIANS UNDER**
2 **THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(5)(A) of the So-
4 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(5)(A)) is amended
5 by striking “section 1861(r)(1)” and inserting “para-
6 graphs (1) and (3) of section 1861(r)”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
9 graph (2), the amendment made by subsection (a)
10 shall apply to services furnished on or after January
11 1, 2010.

12 (2) EXTENSION OF EFFECTIVE DATE FOR
13 STATE LAW AMENDMENT.—In the case of a State
14 plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42
15 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) which the Secretary of Health
16 and Human Services determines requires State legis-
17 lation in order for the plan to meet the additional
18 requirement imposed by the amendment made by
19 subsection (a), the State plan shall not be regarded
20 as failing to comply with the requirements of such
21 title solely on the basis of its failure to meet these
22 additional requirements before the first day of the
23 first calendar quarter beginning after the close of
24 the first regular session of the State legislature that
25 begins after the date of enactment of this Act. For
26 purposes of the previous sentence, in the case of a

- 1 State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year
- 2 of the session is considered to be a separate regular
- 3 session of the State legislature.

