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H. R. 3683

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to delay implementation of the Medicare hospital readmissions reduction program for 5 years, to require Congressional approval for additional applicable conditions, and to provide for a report on potential impact of such program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 15, 2011

Ms. BUERKLE introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Hospital Admissions
5 in Need of Study Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. 5-YEAR DELAY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDI-**
2 **CARE HOSPITAL READMISSIONS REDUCTION**
3 **PROGRAM; LIMITATION ON EXPANSION OF**
4 **APPLICABLE CONDITIONS; REPORT.**

5 (a) 5-YEAR DELAY.—Subsection (q) of section 1886
6 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395ww) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “2012” and
9 inserting “2017”;

10 (2) in paragraph (2)(B)(i), by striking “2012
11 and 2013” and inserting “2017 and 2018”;

12 (3) in paragraph (3)(C), by striking “fiscal year
13 2013”, “fiscal year 2014”, and “fiscal year 2015”
14 and inserting “fiscal year 2018”, “fiscal year 2019”,
15 and “fiscal year 2020” in clauses (i), (ii), and (iii),
16 respectively; and

17 (4) in paragraph (5)(B), by striking “fiscal year
18 2015,” and inserting “fiscal year 2020,”.

19 (b) REQUIRING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR EX-
20 PANSION OF APPLICABLE CONDITIONS.—Paragraph
21 (5)(B) of such section is amended—

22 (1) by striking “Beginning” and inserting “(ii)
23 Subject to clause (ii), beginning” ; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new
25 clause:

1 “(ii) The Secretary may not expand the
2 applicable conditions under clause (i) except to
3 the extent specified in a subsequent law.”.

4 (c) REPORT ON POTENTIAL IMPACT.—Such section
5 is further amended by adding at the end the following new
6 paragraph:

7 “(9) REPORT.—The Secretary shall conduct a
8 study that estimates the payment reductions that
9 would have occurred under this subsection during
10 fiscal years 2013, 2014, and 2015 if this subsection
11 had been in effect during such fiscal years. Not later
12 than April 1, 2016, the Secretary shall submit to
13 Congress a report on such study, the impact that
14 such a payment reduction would have made on hos-
15 pitals.”.

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