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# H. R. 4168

To provide payment for patient navigator services under title XIX of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ISRAEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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 “Patient Navigation As-  
5 sistance Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE FOR PATIENT NAVIGATOR**  
7 **SERVICES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a) of the Social Se-  
9 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

1           (1) by inserting after paragraph (77) the fol-  
2           lowing new paragraph:

3           “(78) provide that the State shall reimburse an  
4           eligible entity (as defined in subsection (ll)(1)) for  
5           any patient navigator service (as defined in sub-  
6           section (ll)(3)) that is provided—

7                   “(A) to an individual who is eligible for  
8                   medical assistance under the State plan; and

9                   “(B) by a patient navigator (as defined in  
10                  subsection (ll)(2)) through the eligible entity.”;  
11                  and

12           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
13           section:

14           “(ll) PATIENT NAVIGATOR SERVICES DEFINI-  
15           TIONS.—For purposes of this section:

16                   “(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term ‘eligible en-  
17                   tity’ means an entity that—

18                           “(A) is an eligible entity (as defined in  
19                           subsection (l)(1) of section 340A of the Public  
20                           Health Service Act); and

21                           “(B) complies with the following require-  
22                           ments of such section (insofar as they apply to  
23                           a grant recipient under such section):

1           “(i) Subsection (b) (relating to patient  
2 navigator duties and community knowl-  
3 edge).

4           “(ii) Subsection (c) (relating to prohi-  
5 bitions).

6           “(iii) Subsection (e) (relating to appli-  
7 cations).

8           “(iv) Subsection (j)(3) (relating to re-  
9 ports).

10       “(2) PATIENT NAVIGATOR.—

11           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘patient  
12 navigator’ has the meaning given such term in  
13 section 340A(l)(3) of the Public Health Service  
14 Act.

15           “(B) CONSULTATION WITH ADVISORY COM-  
16 MITTEE.—

17           “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary  
18 shall consult with the patient navigation  
19 advisory committee to the extent necessary  
20 to further clarify the definition of the term  
21 ‘patient navigator’ for purposes of this sec-  
22 tion, including establishing requirements to  
23 ensure adequate training for such naviga-  
24 tors, such as developing a training cur-  
25 riculum.

1                   “(ii) MEMBERSHIP.—The Secretary  
2 shall convene a patient navigation advisory  
3 committee. The members of such com-  
4 mittee shall include—

5                   “(I) representatives from relevant  
6 Federal departments and agencies, in-  
7 cluding the National Institutes of  
8 Health, the Centers for Disease Con-  
9 trol and Prevention, the Health Re-  
10 sources and Services Administration,  
11 and the Centers for Medicare & Med-  
12 icaid Services; and

13                   “(II) individuals and representa-  
14 tives of public and private organiza-  
15 tions with expertise in patient naviga-  
16 tion.

17                   “(3) PATIENT NAVIGATOR SERVICES.—The  
18 term ‘patient navigator service’ means a service that  
19 is a duty specified under paragraphs (1) through (6)  
20 of subsection (b) of section 340A of the Public  
21 Health Service Act and that is provided by a patient  
22 navigator through an eligible entity.”.

23                   (b) TREATMENT AS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR PUR-  
24 POSES OF FMAP.—Section 1905(a) of the Social Security  
25 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (28), by striking “and” at the  
2 end;

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (29) as para-  
4 graph (30); and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (28) the fol-  
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(29) patient navigator services (as defined in  
8 section 1902(ll)(3)) that are provided in a manner  
9 that meets the requirements of section 1902(a)(78);  
10 and”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
13 the amendments made by this section shall apply to  
14 patient navigator services provided after the first  
15 day of the first calendar year that begins after the  
16 date of enactment of this Act.

17 (2) EXCEPTION FOR STATE LEGISLATION.—In  
18 the case of a State plan under title XIX of the So-  
19 cial Security Act, which the Secretary of Health and  
20 Human Services determines requires State legisla-  
21 tion in order for the respective plan to meet any re-  
22 quirement imposed by amendments made by this  
23 Act, the respective plan shall not be regarded as fail-  
24 ing to comply with the requirements of such title  
25 solely on the basis of its failure to meet such an ad-

1       ditional requirement before the first day of the first  
2       calendar quarter beginning after the close of the  
3       first regular session of the State legislature that be-  
4       gins after the date of enactment of this Act. For  
5       purposes of the previous sentence, in the case of a  
6       State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year  
7       of the session shall be considered to be a separate  
8       regular session of the State legislature.

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