

113TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4663

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit certain nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, physician assistants, and certified nurse-midwives to provide certain certifications with respect to inpatient hospital services under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2014

Mrs. BLACK (for herself and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) 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 “Protect Patient Access
5 and Promote Hospital Efficiency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING CERTAIN NURSE PRACTITIONERS,**
2 **CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS, PHYSICIAN**
3 **ASSISTANTS, AND CERTIFIED NURSE-MID-**
4 **WIVES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFI-**
5 **CATIONS WITH RESPECT TO INPATIENT HOS-**
6 **PITAL SERVICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1814(a)(3) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(3)) is amended by in-
10 serting “(or, in the case of such inpatient hospital services
11 ordered by a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist,
12 physician assistant (as such terms are defined in section
13 1861(aa)(5)), or a certified nurse-midwife (as such term
14 is defined in section 1861(gg)) who is privileged and
15 credentialed at the hospital at which such services are to
16 be furnished, the nurse practitioner, clinical nurse spe-
17 cialist, physician assistant, or certified nurse-midwife)”
18 after “a physician”.

19 (b) NO EFFECT ON STATE SCOPE OF PRACTICE
20 LAW.—Nothing in this section, including the amendment
21 made by this section, shall be construed as, or have the
22 effect of, changing any State scope of practice law for any
23 health care professional.

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