

113TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 5393

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for required Medicare hospice program surveys, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2014

Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Hospice Opportunities
5 for Supporting Patients with Integrity and Care Evalua-
6 tions (HOSPICE) Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOSPICE SURVEY REQUIREMENT.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(dd)(4) of the Social
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(dd)(4)) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

5 “(c) Any entity that is certified as a hospice program
6 shall be subject to a standard survey by an appropriate
7 State or local survey agency, or an approved accreditation
8 agency, as determined by the Secretary, not less fre-
9 quently than once every 36 months beginning 6 months
10 after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph.”.

11 (b) FUNDING.—For purposes of carrying out sub-
12 paragraph (C) of section 1861(dd)(4) of the Social Secu-
13 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(dd)(4)), as added by subsection
14 (a), there shall be transferred from the Federal Hospital
15 Insurance Trust Fund under section 1817 of such Act (42
16 U.S.C. 1395i) \$25,000,000 for the period of fiscal years
17 2014 through 2016, to be made available for such pur-
18 poses in equal parts for each such fiscal year.

19 **SEC. 3. HOSPICE PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY RECERTIFICATION**

20 **TECHNICAL CORRECTION TO APPLY LIMITA-**

21 **TION ON LIABILITY OF BENEFICIARY RULES.**

22 Section 1879 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1395pp) is amended by adding at the end the following
24 new subsection:

25 “(I) The provisions of this section shall apply with
26 respect to a denial of a payment under this title by reason

1 of section 1814(a)(7)(D)(ii) in the same manner as such
2 provisions apply with respect to a denial of a payment
3 under this title by reason of section 1862(a)(1).”.

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