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# H. R. 3291

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to develop a crosswalk between HCPCS and MS-DRG codes for similar hospital services.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin 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

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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 “Medicare Crosswalk  
5 Hospital Code Development Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICARE HCPCS VERSION OF**  
2 **MS-DRG CODES FOR SIMILAR HOSPITAL**  
3 **SERVICES.**

4 Section 1886 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 1395ww) is amended by adding at the end the following  
6 new subsection:

7 “(t) RELATING SIMILAR INPATIENT AND OUT-  
8 PATIENT HOSPITAL SERVICES.—

9 “(1) DEVELOPMENT OF HCPCS VERSION OF  
10 MS-DRG CODES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Janu-  
12 ary 1, 2018, the Secretary shall develop  
13 HCPCS versions for MS-DRGs that is similar  
14 to the ICD-10-PCS for such MS-DRGs such  
15 that, to the extent possible, the MS-DRG as-  
16 signment shall be similar for a claim coded with  
17 the HCPCS version as an identical claim coded  
18 with an ICD-10-PCS code.

19 “(B) COVERAGE OF SURGICAL MS-DRGS.—  
20 In carrying out subparagraph (A), the Sec-  
21 retary shall develop HCPCS versions of MS-  
22 DRG codes for not fewer than 10 surgical MS-  
23 DRGs.

24 “(C) PUBLICATION AND DISSEMINATION  
25 OF THE HCPCS VERSIONS OF MS-DRGS.—

1           “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary  
2 shall develop an HCPCS MS–DRG defini-  
3 tions manual and software that is similar  
4 to the definitions manual and software for  
5 ICD–10–PCS codes for such MS–DRGs.  
6 The Secretary shall post the HCPCS MS–  
7 DRG definitions manual and software on  
8 the Internet website of the Centers for  
9 Medicare & Medicaid Services. The  
10 HCPCS MS–DRG definitions manual and  
11 software shall be in the public domain and  
12 available for use and redistribution without  
13 charge.

14           “(ii) USE OF PREVIOUS ANALYSIS  
15 DONE BY MEDPAC.—In developing the  
16 HCPCS MS–DRG definitions manual and  
17 software under clause (i), the Secretary  
18 shall consult with the Medicare Payment  
19 Advisory Commission and shall consider  
20 the analysis done by such Commission in  
21 translating outpatient surgical claims into  
22 inpatient surgical MS–DRGs in preparing  
23 chapter 7 (relating to hospital short-stay  
24 policy issues) of its ‘Medicare and the

1 Health Care Delivery System’ report sub-  
2 mitted to Congress in June 2015.

3 “(D) DEFINITION AND REFERENCE.—In  
4 this paragraph:

5 “(i) HCPCS.—The term ‘HCPCS’  
6 means, with respect to hospital services  
7 (other than inpatient hospital services) for  
8 which payment is made under this title,  
9 the code under the Healthcare Common  
10 Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) (or a  
11 successor code) for such services.

12 “(ii) ICD–10–PCS.—A reference to  
13 an ICD–10–PCS code includes a reference  
14 to a successor to such code.”.

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