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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Ms. JENKINS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. LEWIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. ALLOWING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, AND CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS TO SUPERVISE CARDIAC, INTENSIVE CARDIAC, AND PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.

(a) CARDIAC AND INTENSIVE CARDIAC REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.—Section 1861(eee) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(eee)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by striking ''physician-supervised''; and

(B) by inserting ''under the supervision of a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))'' before the period at the end;

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking ''a physician'' and inserting ''a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse spe-

cialist (as those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))''; and

(3) in paragraph (4)(A), in the matter preceding clause (i)—

(A) by striking ''physician-supervised''; and

(B) by inserting ''under the supervision of a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))'' after ''paragraph (3)''.

(b) PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.—Section 1861(fff)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(fff)(1)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''physician-supervised''; and

(2) by inserting ''under the supervision of a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))'' before the period at the end.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to items and services furnished on

1 or after the date that is one year after the date of the
2 enactment of this Act.

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