

114TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 4853

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise certain accreditation requirements applied under the Medicare program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 23, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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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 “Strengthening Accredi-  
5 tation For Everyone Act of 2016” or the “SAFE Act of  
6 2016”.

7 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF CERTAIN MEDICARE ACCREDITATION**  
8 **REQUIREMENTS.**

9 Section 1865 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
10 1395bb) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “the  
3 American Osteopathic Association or any other  
4 national” and inserting “a national”; and

5 (B) by amending paragraph (2) to read as  
6 follows:

7 “(2) In making such a finding, with respect to a na-  
8 tional accreditation body, the Secretary shall consider  
9 whether the accreditation program of such national ac-  
10 creditation body provides reasonable assurance, when  
11 taken as a whole, that the requirements are equivalent to  
12 or exceed the purposes of the conditions of participation  
13 applicable to the provider entity for which the accredita-  
14 tion body has made a request for a finding under para-  
15 graph (1). The Secretary may consider the standards for  
16 accreditation and survey procedures relevant to the pur-  
17 poses of the conditions of participation, and additional fac-  
18 tors such as the ability of the accreditation body to provide  
19 adequate resources for conducting required surveys and  
20 supplying information for use in enforcement activities, its  
21 monitoring procedures for provider entities found out of  
22 compliance with the conditions, and the ability of the ac-  
23 creditation body to provide the Secretary with necessary  
24 data for validation surveys.”; and

1           (2) in subsection (b), by striking “the American  
2           Osteopathic Association, or any other national ac-  
3           creditation body” and inserting “any national ac-  
4           creditation body”.

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