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H. R. 556

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2015

Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. BEN RAY LUJÁN of New Mexico, Mr. TONKO, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. KING of Iowa, and Mr. MEEHAN) 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

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 “Prevent Interruptions
5 in Physical Therapy Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO UTILIZE**
2 **LOCUM TENENS ARRANGEMENTS UNDER**
3 **MEDICARE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The first sentence of section
5 1842(b)(6) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395u(b)(6)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” before “(H)”; and

8 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
9 following: “, and (I) in the case of outpatient phys-
10 ical therapy services furnished by physical thera-
11 pists, subparagraph (D) of this sentence shall apply
12 to such services and therapists in the same manner
13 as such subparagraph applies to physicians’ services
14 furnished by physicians”.

15 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
16 subsection (a) shall apply to services furnished after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act.

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