

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2196

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 22, 2015

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. CLARIFYING NON-APPLICATION OF MEDICARE**
4 **COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION RATES TO COM-**
5 **PLEX REHABILITATIVE WHEELCHAIRS AND**
6 **ACCESSORIES.**

7 Section 1834(a)(1)(F) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(1)(F)) is amended—

1 (1) in clause (ii), by striking at the end “and”;

2 (2) in clause (iii), by striking at the end the pe-
3 riod and inserting “; and”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following new
5 clause:

6 “(iv) in the case of covered items fur-
7 nished on or after January 1, 2016, the
8 Secretary shall not apply this subpara-
9 graph or any other provision of this title to
10 use information from the competitive ac-
11 quisition program to determine payment
12 amounts for items excluded from such
13 competitive acquisition program, including
14 all complex rehabilitative manual and
15 power wheelchairs classified by the Sec-
16 retary as of January 1, 2015, and, without
17 limitation, any wheelchair accessory, cush-
18 ion, or back when furnished in connection
19 with a complex rehabilitative manual or
20 power wheelchair.”.

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