S. 2196

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

SECTION 1. CLARIFYING NON-APPLICATION OF MEDICARE

COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION RATES TO COM-
PLEX REHABILITATIVE WHEELCHAIRS AND
ACCESSORIES.

Section 1834(a)(1)(F) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(1)(F)) is amended—
(1) in clause (ii), by striking at the end “and”;

(2) in clause (iii), by striking at the end the pe-

period and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new

clause:

“(iv) in the case of covered items fur-

nished on or after January 1, 2016, the

Secretary shall not apply this subpara-

graph or any other provision of this title to

use information from the competitive ac-

quisition program to determine payment

amounts for items excluded from such

competitive acquisition program, including

all complex rehabilitative manual and

power wheelchairs classified by the Sec-

retary as of January 1, 2015, and, without

limitation, any wheelchair accessory, cush-

ion, or back when furnished in connection

with a complex rehabilitative manual or

power wheelchair.”.