

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2261

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the way beneficiaries are assigned under the Medicare shared savings program by also basing such assignment on services furnished by Federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Mr. THUNE (for himself, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mrs. MURRAY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Rural ACO Provider
5 Equity Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF BENE-**
 2 **FICIARIES UNDER THE MEDICARE SHARED**
 3 **SAVINGS PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1899(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 5 1395jjj(c)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “utilization of primary” and in-
 7 serting “utilization of—

8 “(1) in the case of performance years beginning
 9 on or after April 1, 2012, primary”;

10 (2) in paragraph (1), as added by paragraph
 11 (1) of this section, by striking the period at the end
 12 and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new
 14 paragraph:

15 “(2) in the case of performance years beginning
 16 on or after January 1, 2018, services provided under
 17 this title by a Federally qualified health center or
 18 rural health clinic (as those terms are defined in sec-
 19 tion 1861(aa)), as may be determined by the Sec-
 20 retary.”.

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