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H. R. 5777

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make available on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services website opioid prescribing guidance applicable to individuals entitled to benefits under part A or enrolled under part B of the Medicare program and update such guidance periodically.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2018

Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself and Mr. LAMB) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Centralized Opioid
3 Guidance Act of 2018” or the “COG Act of 2018”.

4 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING THE POSTING AND ANNUAL UPDATING**
5 **OF OPIOID PRESCRIBING GUIDANCE FOR**
6 **MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
9 and Human Services (in this section referred to as the
10 “Secretary”) shall post on the public website of the Cen-
11 ters for Medicare & Medicaid Services all guidance pub-
12 lished by the Department of Health and Human Services
13 on or after January 1, 2016, relating to the prescribing
14 of opioids and applicable to opioid prescriptions for indi-
15 viduals entitled to benefits under part A of title XVIII
16 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395c et seq.) or
17 enrolled under part B of such title of such Act (42 U.S.C.
18 1395j et seq.).

19 (b) UPDATE OF GUIDANCE.—

20 (1) PERIODIC UPDATE.—The Secretary shall, in
21 consultation with the entities specified in paragraph
22 (2), periodically (as determined appropriate by the
23 Secretary) update guidance described in subsection
24 (a) and revise the posting of such guidance on the
25 website described in such subsection.

1 (2) CONSULTATION.—The entities specified in
2 this paragraph are the following:

3 (A) Medical professional organizations.

4 (B) Providers and suppliers of services (as
5 such terms are defined in section 1861 of the
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)).

7 (C) Health care consumers or groups rep-
8 resenting such consumers.

9 (D) Other entities determined appropriate
10 by the Secretary.

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