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H. R. 5790

To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for clinical psychologist services models to be tested by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2018

Mrs. NOEM (for herself and Ms. JUDY CHU of California) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST SERVICES MODELS**
2 **UNDER THE CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND**
3 **MEDICAID INNOVATION; GAO STUDY AND RE-**
4 **PORT.**

5 (a) CMI MODELS.—Section 1115A(b)(2)(B) of the
6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315a(b)(2)(B)) is amend-
7 ed by adding at the end the following new clauses:

8 “(xxv) Supporting ways to familiarize
9 individuals with the availability of coverage
10 under part B of title XVIII for qualified
11 psychologist services (as defined in section
12 1861(ii)).

13 “(xxvi) Exploring ways to avoid un-
14 necessary hospitalizations or emergency de-
15 partment visits for mental and behavioral
16 health services (such as for treating de-
17 pression) through use of a 24-hour, 7-day
18 a week help line that may inform individ-
19 uals about the availability of treatment op-
20 tions, including the availability of qualified
21 psychologist services (as defined in section
22 1861(ii)).”.

23 (b) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than 18
24 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
25 Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct
26 a study, and submit to Congress a report, on mental and

1 behavioral health services under the Medicare program
2 under title XVIII of the Social Security Act, including an
3 examination of the following:

4 (1) Information about services furnished by
5 psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, and other profes-
6 sionals.

7 (2) Information about ways that Medicare bene-
8 ficiaries familiarize themselves about the availability
9 of Medicare payment for qualified psychologist serv-
10 ices (as defined in section 1861(ii) of the Social Se-
11 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ii)) and ways that the
12 provision of such information could be improved.

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