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H. R. 5798

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require a review of current opioid prescriptions for chronic pain and screening for opioid use disorder to be included in the Welcome to Medicare initial preventive physical examination.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2018

Mr. BUCSHON (for himself, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. PAULSEN) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Opioid Screening and
5 Chronic Pain Management Alternatives for Seniors Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING A REVIEW OF CURRENT OPIOID PRE-**
2 **SCRIPTIONS FOR CHRONIC PAIN AND**
3 **SCREENING FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER TO**
4 **BE INCLUDED IN THE WELCOME TO MEDI-**
5 **CARE INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAM-**
6 **INATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(ww) of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ww)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and a re-
10 view of current opioid prescriptions and screening
11 for opioid use disorder (as defined in paragraph
12 (4)),” before “but does not include”; and

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

15 “(4)(A) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘a
16 review of current opioid prescriptions and screening for
17 opioid use disorder’ means, with respect to an individual—

18 “(i) a review by a physician or qualified non-
19 physician practitioner of all current prescriptions of
20 the individual; and

21 “(ii) in the case of an individual determined by
22 the review of a physician or qualified non-physician
23 practitioner under subparagraph (A) to have a cur-
24 rent prescription for opioids for chronic pain that
25 has been prescribed for a minimum period of time
26 (as specified by the Secretary)—

1 “(I) a review by the physician or practi-
2 tioner of the potential risk factors to the indi-
3 vidual for opioid use disorder;

4 “(II) an evaluation by the physician or
5 practitioner of pain of the individual;

6 “(III) the provision of information regard-
7 ing non-opioid treatment options for the treat-
8 ment and management of any chronic pain of
9 the individual; and

10 “(IV) if determined necessary by the physi-
11 cian or practitioner based on the results of the
12 review and evaluation conducted as described in
13 this paragraph, an appropriate referral by the
14 physician or practitioner for additional treat-
15 ment.

16 “(B) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘quali-
17 fied non-physician practitioner’ means a physician assist-
18 ant, nurse practitioner, or certified clinical nurse spe-
19 cialist.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to initial preventive
22 physical examinations furnished on or after January 1,
23 2020.

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