

Union Calendar No. 573

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5798

[Report No. 115–739, Part I]

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

JUNE 12, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mrs. BLACKBURN and Mr. WALDEN

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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”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING A REVIEW OF CURRENT OPIOID PRE-**
7 **SCRIPTIONS FOR CHRONIC PAIN AND**
8 **SCREENING FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER TO**
9 **BE INCLUDED IN THE WELCOME TO MEDI-**
10 **CARE INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAM-**
11 **INATION.**

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

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

18 (2) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraph:

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

23 “(i) a review by a physician or qualified non-
24 physician practitioner of all current prescriptions of
25 the individual; and

1 “(ii) in the case of an individual determined by
2 the review of a physician or qualified non-physician
3 practitioner under subparagraph (A) to have a cur-
4 rent prescription for opioids for chronic pain that
5 has been prescribed for a minimum period of time
6 (as specified by the Secretary)—

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

10 “(II) an evaluation by the physician or
11 practitioner of pain of the individual;

12 “(III) the provision of information regard-
13 ing non-opioid treatment options for the treat-
14 ment and management of any chronic pain of
15 the individual; and

16 “(IV) if determined necessary by the physi-
17 cian or practitioner based on the results of the
18 review and evaluation conducted as described in
19 this paragraph, an appropriate referral by the
20 physician or practitioner for additional treat-
21 ment.

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

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to initial preventive
3 physical examinations furnished on or after January 1,
4 2020.

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