

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1732

AN ACT

To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to promote testing of incentive payments for behavioral health providers for adoption and use of certified electronic health record technology.

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 “Improving Access to
3 Behavioral Health Information Technology Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. TESTING OF INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR BEHAV-**5 **IORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS FOR ADOPTION
6 AND USE OF CERTIFIED ELECTRONIC
7 HEALTH RECORD TECHNOLOGY.**

8 Section 1115A(b)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 1315a(b)(2)(B)) is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new clause:

11 “(xxv) Providing incentive payments
12 to behavioral health providers for the adop-
13 tion and use of certified electronic health
14 record technology (as defined in section
15 1848(o)(4)) to improve the quality and co-
16 ordination of care through the electronic
17 documentation and exchange of health in-
18 formation. Behavioral health providers may
19 include—

20 “(I) psychiatric hospitals (as de-
21 fined in section 1861(f));

22 “(II) community mental health
23 centers (as defined in section
24 1861(ff)(3)(B));

25 “(III) clinical psychologists (as
26 defined in section 1861(ii));

1 “(IV) clinical social workers (as
2 defined in section 1861(hh)(1)); and
3 “(V) hospitals, treatment facili-
4 ties, and mental health or substance
5 use disorder providers that participate
6 in a State plan under title XIX or a
7 waiver of such plan.”.

Passed the Senate May 7, 2018.

Attest:

Secretary.

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