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# S. 2892

To require the Comptroller General of the United States to submit a report to Congress on the provision of peer support services under the Medicaid program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 22, 2018

Mr. CARDIN (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 “Peer Support En-  
5 hancement and Evaluation Review Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. GAO REPORT ON PEER SUPPORT SERVICES UNDER**  
7 **MEDICAID.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General

1 of the United States shall submit to the Committee on  
2 Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives,  
3 the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and the Com-  
4 mittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the  
5 Senate a report on the provision of peer support services  
6 under the Medicaid program.

7 (b) CONTENT OF REPORT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The report required under  
9 subsection (a) shall include the following informa-  
10 tion:

11 (A) Information on State coverage of peer  
12 support services under Medicaid, including—

13 (i) the mechanisms through which  
14 States may provide such coverage, includ-  
15 ing through existing statutory authority or  
16 through waivers;

17 (ii) the populations to which States  
18 have provided such coverage;

19 (iii) the payment models, including  
20 any alternative payment models, used by  
21 States to pay providers of such services;  
22 and

23 (iv) where available, information on  
24 Federal and State spending under Med-  
25 icaid for peer support services.

1 (B) Information on selected State experi-  
2 ences in providing medical assistance for peer  
3 support services under State Medicaid plans  
4 and whether States measure the effects of pro-  
5 viding such assistance with respect to—

6 (i) improving access to behavioral  
7 health services;

8 (ii) improving early detection, and  
9 preventing worsening, of behavioral health  
10 disorders;

11 (iii) reducing chronic and comorbid  
12 conditions; and

13 (iv) reducing overall health costs.

14 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS.—The report required  
15 under subsection (a) shall include recommendations,  
16 including recommendations for such legislative and  
17 administrative actions related to improving services,  
18 including peer support services, and access to peer  
19 support services under Medicaid as the Comptroller  
20 General of the United States determines appro-  
21 priate.

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