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# S. 3751

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the use of telehealth services for remote imaging for chronic eye disease.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2018

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CARDIN) 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 “Screenings for Eye  
5 Evaluation, Monitoring, Observation, Review, and Exam-  
6 ination Act” or the “SEE MORE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING THE USE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES**  
2 **FOR REMOTE IMAGING FOR CHRONIC EYE**  
3 **DISEASE.**

4 Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (4)(C)(i), by striking “and  
7 (7)” and inserting “(7), and (8)”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
9 paragraph:

10 “(8) TREATMENT OF REMOTE IMAGING FOR  
11 CHRONIC EYE DISEASE.—

12 “(A) NON-APPLICATION OF ORIGINATING  
13 SITE REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements de-  
14 scribed in paragraph (4)(C) shall not apply with  
15 respect to telehealth services furnished on or  
16 after January 1, 2019, for purposes of pro-  
17 viding remote imaging for chronic eye disease,  
18 as determined by the Secretary, including dia-  
19 betic eye disease and glaucoma. Such screenings  
20 shall include the use of FDA-approved ocular  
21 imaging techniques and technologies, including  
22 artificial intelligence technologies, shown to sup-  
23 port the accurate diagnosis or monitoring of di-  
24 abetic retinopathy, glaucoma, or other chronic  
25 eye disease, as determined by the Secretary.

1           “(B) NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY FEE  
2           FOR NEW SITES.—No facility fee shall be paid  
3           under paragraph (2)(B) to an originating site  
4           with respect to a telehealth service described in  
5           subparagraph (A) if the originating site does  
6           not otherwise meet the requirements for an  
7           originating site under paragraph (4)(C).

8           “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years  
9           after the date of the enactment of this para-  
10          graph, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a  
11          report on the impact of this paragraph with re-  
12          spect to telehealth services on—

13                 “(i) the utilization of health care  
14                 items and services related to diabetes and  
15                 glaucoma;

16                 “(ii) health outcomes related to diabe-  
17                 tes and glaucoma; and

18                 “(iii) the rates of specialty referrals  
19                 and the rate for completion of a specialty  
20                 visit within 90 days of referral for patients  
21                 diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy or  
22                 glaucoma through telehealth services.”.

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