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H. R. 7254

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for infection control support to skilled nursing facilities through contracts with quality improvement organizations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 18, 2020

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. BURGESS, and Mr. UPTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 “Infection Control
5 Training and Support Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING FOR INFECTION CONTROL SUPPORT TO**
2 **SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES THROUGH**
3 **CONTRACTS WITH QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**
4 **ORGANIZATIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1862(g) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(g)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting
8 “(1) The Secretary”; and

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

11 “(2)(A) The Secretary shall ensure that at least 1
12 contract with a quality improvement organization de-
13 scribed in paragraph (1) entered into on or after the date
14 of the enactment of this paragraph and before the end
15 of the emergency period described in section
16 1135(g)(1)(B) (or in effect as of such date) includes the
17 requirement that such organization provide to skilled
18 nursing facilities with cases of COVID-19 (or facilities at-
19 tempting to prevent outbreaks of COVID-19) infection
20 control support described in subparagraph (B) during
21 such period.

22 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the infection
23 control support described in this subparagraph is, with re-
24 spect to skilled nursing facilities described in such sub-
25 paragraph, the development and dissemination to such fa-
26 cilities of protocols relating to the prevention or mitigation

1 of COVID-19 at such facilities and the provision of train-
2 ing materials to such facilities relating to such prevention
3 or mitigation.”.

4 (b) FUNDING.—The Secretary of Health and Human
5 Services shall provide for the transfer from the Federal
6 Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund (as de-
7 scribed in section 1841 of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1395t)) and the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust
9 Fund (as described in section 1817 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1395i)), in such proportions as determined appropriate by
11 the Secretary, to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
12 Services Program Management Account, of \$210,000,000,
13 to remain available until expended, for purposes of enter-
14 ing into contracts with quality improvement organizations
15 under part B of title XI of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1320c
16 et seq.). Of the amount transferred pursuant to the pre-
17 vious sentence, not less than \$110,000,000 shall be used
18 for purposes of entering into such a contract that includes
19 the requirement described in section 1862(g)(2)(A) of
20 such Act (as added by subsection (a)).

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