

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 748

To provide for an extension of the temporary suspension of Medicare sequestration during the COVID–19 public health emergency.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 2021

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Medicare Sequester
5 Relief Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF MEDI-**
7 **CARE SEQUESTRATION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3709(a) of division A of
9 the CARES Act (2 U.S.C. 901a note), as amended by sec-
10 tion 102 of division N of the Consolidated Appropriations

1 Act, 2021 (Public Law 116–136), is amended by striking
2 “March 31, 2021” and inserting “the last day of the emer-
3 gency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the So-
4 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)(1)(B))”.

5 (b) EXTENSION OF DIRECT SPENDING REDUCTIONS
6 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2031.—Section 251A(6) of the
7 Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of
8 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901a(6)) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (B), in the matter pre-
10 ceding clause (i), by striking “through 2030” and
11 inserting “through 2031”; and

12 (2) in subparagraph (C), in the matter pre-
13 ceding clause (i), by striking “fiscal year 2030” and
14 inserting “fiscal year 2031”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall take effect as if enacted as part of the
17 CARES Act (Public Law 116–136).

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