

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 708

To improve outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries with major depressive disorder or other mental health conditions.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 8, 2023

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

To improve outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries with major depressive disorder or other mental health conditions.

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. GUIDANCE RELATING TO MEDICAID COVERAGE**
4 **OF GENETIC TESTING TO IMPROVE OUT-**
5 **COMES FOR BENEFICIARIES WITH MAJOR DE-**
6 **PRESSIVE DISORDER OR OTHER MENTAL**
7 **HEALTH CONDITIONS.**

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare
10 & Medicaid Services shall issue guidance for State Med-

1 icaid programs through a State Medicaid Director letter
2 that specifies best practices to improve outcomes for indi-
3 viduals eligible for medical assistance under State Med-
4 icaid programs who have major depressive disorder or
5 other mental health conditions. The guidance shall include
6 coverage policy examples utilizing pharmacogenetic testing
7 to support clinicians seeking medication options to treat
8 patients and reduce trial and error from the Medicare pro-
9 gram or from issuers of individual or group health insur-
10 ance coverage.

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