

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5275

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include blood contamination as a hospital acquired condition under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. CRAIG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Diagnostic Accuracy
5 in Sepsis Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING BLOOD CONTAMINATION AS A HOS-**
7 **PITAL ACQUIRED CONDITION UNDER THE**
8 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

9 Section 1886(p) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1305ww(p)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3)—

2 (A) by striking “means a condition” and
3 inserting the following: “means—

4 “(A) a condition”;

5 (B) by striking “subsection (d)(4)(D)(iv)
6 and any” and inserting the following: “sub-
7 section (d)(4)(D)(iv);

8 “(C) any”; and

9 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
10 the following new subparagraph:

11 “(B) with respect to discharges occurring
12 during fiscal year 2026 or a subsequent fiscal
13 year, blood culture contamination; and”;

14 (2) by redesignating paragraph (7) as para-
15 graph (8); and

16 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
17 lowing new paragraph:

18 “(7) BLOOD CULTURE CONTAMINATION MEAS-
19 URE.—In establishing a measure for blood culture
20 contamination for a subsection (d) hospital for pur-
21 poses of determining whether such hospital is an ap-
22 plicable hospital under paragraph (2), the Secretary
23 shall so establish such a measure on the basis that

- 1 the rate of such contamination should not exceed 1
- 2 percent.”.

