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H. R. 3118

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of monitoring devices to detect and alarm when a venous needle dislodgement occurs during home dialysis for hemodialysis patients.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 5, 2023

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself and Ms. STANSBURY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 “Home Dialysis Risk
5 Prevention Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING FOR COVERAGE OF MONITORING AND**
2 **ALARM DEVICES TO DETECT VENOUS NEE-**
3 **DLE DISLODGE MENT FOR HEMODIALYSIS PA-**
4 **TIENTS.**

5 Section 1881(b)(14) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1395rr(b)(14)) is amended by adding at the end
7 the following new subparagraph:

8 “(J)(i) For home dialysis services and equipment fur-
9 nished to new and respite individuals on or after the date
10 that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this sub-
11 paragraph which are monitoring and alarm devices for ve-
12 nous needle dislodgement (as defined in clause (iii)(II)),
13 the Secretary shall increase the single payment that would
14 otherwise apply under this paragraph for such services by
15 the amount determined under the payment system estab-
16 lished under clause (ii).

17 “(ii) The Secretary shall establish a prospective pay-
18 ment system through regulations to determine the
19 amounts payable for monitoring and alarm devices and
20 supplies to detect venous needle dislodgements for individ-
21 uals receiving home dialysis. In establishing such system,
22 the Secretary may consult with device manufacturers,
23 health professionals, dialysis patients, private payers, and
24 MA plans and may consider—

25 “(I) the costs of furnishing the monitoring and
26 alarm device and necessary supplies;

1 “(II) payment amounts for similar items and
2 services under parts A and B; and

3 “(III) payment amounts established by MA
4 plans under part C, group health plans, and health
5 insurance coverage offered by health insurance
6 issuers.

7 “(iii) In this subparagraph:

8 “(I) The term ‘new and respite individual’
9 means an individual described in subsection (a) who
10 is initiating home hemodialysis.

11 “(II) The term ‘monitoring and alarm devices
12 for venous needle dislodgement’ means a blood loss
13 detection solution specifically designed to detect
14 blood leakage through core technology utilizing fiber
15 optics. The detected blood triggers a visual and au-
16 dible alarm.

17 “(III) The terms ‘group health plan’, ‘health in-
18 surance coverage’, and ‘health insurance issuer’ have
19 the meaning given such terms in section 2791 of the
20 Public Health Service Act.”.

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