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H. R. 3415

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require prescription drug plan sponsors to include real-time benefit information as part of such sponsor's electronic prescription program under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 2019

Ms. SLOTKIN (for herself and Mr. ARRINGTON) 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

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Real-Time Beneficiary Drug Cost Bill".

SEC. 2. REQUIRING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN SPONSORS TO INCLUDE REAL-TIME BENEFIT INFORMATION AS PART OF SUCH SPONSOR'S ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTION PROGRAM UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

Section 1860D–4(e)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–104(e)(2)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (D), by striking ''To the extent'' and inserting ''Except as provided in subparagraph (F), to the extent''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

''(F) REAL-TIME BENEFIT INFORMATION.—

''(i) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2021, the program shall provide for the real-time electronic transmission to prescribing health care professionals, using technology capable of integrating with such professionals' electronic prescribing and electronic health record systems, of individual-specific formulary and benefit information under a prescription drug plan with respect to an individual enrolled in such plan. Such information shall include, with respect to the pre-

scribing of a covered part D drug to such individual, the following:

"(I) A description of any clinically appropriate alternatives to such drug included in the formulary of such plan.

"(II) Information relating to applicable cost-sharing requirements for such drug and such alternatives, including a description of any variance in such requirements based on the pharmacy dispensing such drug or such alternatives.

"(III) Information relating to any prior authorization or other utilization management requirements applicable to such drug and such alternatives within the formulary of such plan.

"(ii) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2021.—The program shall be deemed to be in compliance with clause (i) for 2021 if the program complies with the provisions of section 423.160(b)(7) of title 42, Code of

Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation), for such year.''.

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