

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 5719

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to revise certain measures used under the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey relating to pain management.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2018

Mrs. BLACK (for herself and Mr. O'HALLERAN) introduced the following bill;  
which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## 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 “Reduce Overpre-  
5 scribing Opioids in Treatment Act of 2018” or the  
6 “ROOT Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVISING MEASURES USED UNDER THE HOSPITAL**  
2 **CONSUMER ASSESSMENT OF HEALTHCARE**  
3 **PROVIDERS AND SYSTEMS SURVEY RELAT-**  
4 **ING TO PAIN MANAGEMENT.**

5 Section 1886(b)(3)(B)(viii) of the Social Security Act  
6 (42 U.S.C. 1395ww(b)(3)(B)(viii)) is amended by adding  
7 at the end the following new subclause:

8 “(XII) With respect to the Hospital Consumer As-  
9 sessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems survey (or  
10 a successor survey), beginning not later than January 1,  
11 2020, such survey may not include questions about com-  
12 munication by hospital staff with an individual about such  
13 individual’s pain unless such questions take into account,  
14 as applicable, whether an individual experiencing pain was  
15 informed about risks associated with the use of opioids  
16 and about non-opioid alternatives for the treatment of  
17 pain.”.

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