

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2196

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the non-application of Medicare competitive acquisition rates to complex rehabilitative wheelchairs and accessories.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 22, 2015

Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. SCHUMER, and Mr. COCHRAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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. CLARIFYING NON-APPLICATION OF MEDICARE**  
4 **COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION RATES TO COM-**  
5 **PLEX REHABILITATIVE WHEELCHAIRS AND**  
6 **ACCESSORIES.**

7 Section 1834(a)(1)(F) of the Social Security Act (42  
8 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(1)(F)) is amended—

1 (1) in clause (ii), by striking at the end “and”;

2 (2) in clause (iii), by striking at the end the pe-  
3 riod and inserting “; and”; and

4 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
5 clause:

6 “(iv) in the case of covered items fur-  
7 nished on or after January 1, 2016, the  
8 Secretary shall not apply this subpara-  
9 graph or any other provision of this title to  
10 use information from the competitive ac-  
11 quisition program to determine payment  
12 amounts for items excluded from such  
13 competitive acquisition program, including  
14 all complex rehabilitative manual and  
15 power wheelchairs classified by the Sec-  
16 retary as of January 1, 2015, and, without  
17 limitation, any wheelchair accessory, cush-  
18 ion, or back when furnished in connection  
19 with a complex rehabilitative manual or  
20 power wheelchair.”.

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