

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 2259

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. THUNE, and Mrs. MURRAY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “ACO Assignment Im-  
5 provement Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF BENE-**  
2 **FICIARIES UNDER THE MEDICARE SHARED**  
3 **SAVINGS PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1899(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 1395jjj(c)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “utilization of primary” and in-  
7 serting “utilization of—

8 “(1) in the case of performance years beginning  
9 on or after April 1, 2012, primary”;

10 (2) in paragraph (1), as added by paragraph  
11 (1) of this section, by striking the period at the end  
12 and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
14 paragraph:

15 “(2) in the case of performance years beginning  
16 on or after January 1, 2018, primary care services  
17 provided under this title by an ACO professional de-  
18 scribed in subsection (h)(1)(B).”.

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