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S. 2556

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure Medicaid coverage of mental health services and primary care services furnished on the same day.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2023

Mr. CARPER (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Improving Coordina-
5 tion and Access to Resources Equitably for Youth Act”
6 or the “Improving CARE for Youth Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERV-**
 2 **ICES AND PRIMARY CARE SERVICES FUR-**
 3 **NISHED ON THE SAME DAY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a) of the Social Se-
 5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (86), by striking “; and” and
 7 inserting a semicolon;

8 (2) in paragraph (87), by striking the period at
 9 the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by inserting after paragraph (87) the fol-
 11 lowing new paragraph:

12 “(88) not prohibit payment under the plan for
 13 a mental health service or primary care service fur-
 14 nished to an individual for which payment would
 15 otherwise be payable under the plan, with respect to
 16 such individual, if such service were not a same-day
 17 qualifying service (as defined in subsection (uu)).”.

18 (b) SAME-DAY QUALIFYING SERVICES DEFINED.—
 19 Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a)
 20 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
 21 section:

22 “(uu) SAME-DAY QUALIFYING SERVICES DE-
 23 FINED.—For purposes of subsection (a)(88), the term
 24 ‘same-day qualifying service’ means—

25 “(1) a primary care service furnished to an in-
 26 dividual by a provider at an office, clinic, or other

1 outpatient facility on the same day a mental health
2 service is furnished to such individual by such pro-
3 vider (or another provider) at the same office, clinic,
4 or other outpatient facility; and

5 “(2) a mental health service furnished to an in-
6 dividual by a provider at an office, clinic, or other
7 outpatient facility on the same day a primary care
8 service is furnished to such individual by such pro-
9 vider (or another provider) at the office, clinic, or
10 other outpatient facility.”.

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