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1ST SESSION

S. 2612

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add physical therapists to the list of providers allowed to utilize locum tenens arrangements under Medicare.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 4, 2021

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. THUNE, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Mr. CASEY) 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 “Prevent Interruptions
5 in Physical Therapy Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING PHYSICAL THERAPISTS TO UTILIZE**
2 **LOCUM TENENS ARRANGEMENTS UNDER**
3 **MEDICARE.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The first sentence of section
5 1842(b)(6) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395u(b)(6)) is amended by striking “, and (J)” and all
7 that follows through “physicians’ services furnished by
8 physicians.” and inserting “, and (J) in the case of out-
9 patient physical therapy services furnished by physical
10 therapists, subparagraph (D) of this sentence shall apply
11 to such services and therapists in the same manner as
12 such subparagraph applies to physicians’ services fur-
13 nished by physicians.”.

14 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply to items and services furnished
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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