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116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for direct payment to physician assistants under the Medicare program for certain services furnished by such physician assistants.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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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. DIRECT MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**  
4 **FURNISHED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1832(a)(2)(B) of the So-  
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395k(a)(2)(B)) is amended  
7 by adding at the end the following new clause:

1                   “(v) services of a physician assistant  
2                   but only if no facility or other provider  
3                   charges or is paid any amounts with re-  
4                   spect to the furnishing of such services;”.

5           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
6 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to services fur-  
7 nished on or after July 1, 2020.