

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend incentive payments for participation in eligible alternative payment models under the Medicare program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. WELCH, Mr. TILLIS, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend incentive payments for participation in eligible alternative payment models under the Medicare program.

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 “Preserving Patient Ac-  
5 cess to Accountable Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR PARTICIPA-**  
2 **TION IN ELIGIBLE ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT**  
3 **MODELS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(z) of the Social Se-  
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(z)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)—

7 (A) by striking “with 2026” and inserting  
8 “with 2027”; and

9 (B) by inserting “, or, with respect to  
10 2027, 3.53 percent” after “1.88 percent”;

11 (2) in paragraph (2)—

12 (A) in subparagraph (B)—

13 (i) in the subsection heading, by strik-  
14 ing “2026” and inserting “2027”; and

15 (ii) in the matter preceding clause (i),  
16 by striking “2026” and inserting “2027”;

17 (B) in subparagraph (C)—

18 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by  
19 striking “2027” and inserting “2028”; and

20 (ii) in the matter preceding clause (i),  
21 by striking “2027” and inserting “2028”;

22 and

23 (C) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and  
24 2026” and inserting “2026, and 2027”; and

1           (3) in paragraph (4)(B), by inserting “, or,  
2           with respect to 2027, 3.53 percent” after “1.88 per-  
3           cent”.

4           (b)       CONFORMING        AMENDMENTS.—Section  
5 1848(q)(1)(C)(iii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
6 1395w-4(q)(1)(C)(iii)) is amended—

7           (1) in subclause (II), by striking “2026” and  
8           inserting “2027”; and

9           (2) in subclause (III), by striking “2027” and  
10          inserting “2028”.