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H. R. 8884

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide outreach and reporting on opioid use disorder treatment services furnished by opioid treatment programs under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. HIGGINS of New York) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Medicare Opioid Use
5 Disorder Outreach Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OUTREACH AND REPORTING ON OPIOID USE DIS-**
2 **ORDER TREATMENT SERVICES FURNISHED**
3 **BY OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAMS.**

4 (a) OUTREACH.—

5 (1) PROVIDER OUTREACH.—The Secretary of
6 Health and Human Services (in this section referred
7 to as the “Secretary”) shall conduct outreach to
8 physicians and appropriate non-physician practi-
9 tioners participating under the Medicare program
10 under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42
11 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) with respect to opioid use dis-
12 order treatment services furnished by an opioid
13 treatment program (as defined in section 1861(jjj)
14 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jjj))).
15 Such outreach shall include a comprehensive, one-
16 time education initiative to inform such physicians
17 and practitioners of the inclusion of such services as
18 a covered benefit under the Medicare program, in-
19 cluding describing the requirements for billing and
20 the requirements for beneficiary eligibility for such
21 services.

22 (2) BENEFICIARY OUTREACH.—The Secretary
23 shall conduct outreach to Medicare beneficiaries with
24 respect to opioid use disorder treatment services fur-
25 nished by an opioid treatment program (as defined
26 in section 1861(jjj) of the Social Security Act (42

1 U.S.C. 1395x(jjj))), including a comprehensive, one-
2 time education initiative informing such beneficiaries
3 about the eligibility requirements to receive such
4 services.

5 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

6 (1) OUTREACH.—Not later than 1 year after
7 the date of the completion of the education initia-
8 tives described in subsection (a), the Secretary shall
9 submit to the Committee on Ways and Means and
10 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the
11 House of Representatives and the Committee on Fi-
12 nance of the Senate a report on the outreach con-
13 ducted under such subsection. Such report shall in-
14 clude a description of the methods used for such
15 outreach.

16 (2) UTILIZATION RATES.—Not later than 18
17 months after the date of the completion of the edu-
18 cation initiatives described in subsection (a), and
19 two years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to
20 the Committee on Ways and Means and the Com-
21 mittee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
22 Representatives and the Committee on Finance of
23 the Senate a report on the number of Medicare
24 beneficiaries who, during the preceding year, were
25 furnished opioid use disorder treatment services by

1 an opioid treatment program (as defined in section
2 1861(jjj) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1395x(jjj))) for which payment was made under title
4 XVIII of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

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