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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 13, 2023

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) 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.

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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. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Increasing Access to
5 Quality Cardiac Rehabilitation Care Act of 2023”.

118TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION  H. R. 2583
SEC. 2. EXPANDING ACCESS TO CARDIAC REHABILITATION PROGRAMS AND PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS UNDER MEDICARE PROGRAM.

(a) Cardiac Rehabilitation Programs.—Section 1861(eee) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(eee)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “a physician’s office” and inserting “the office setting”; and

(B) in subparagraph (C), by inserting after “physician” the following: “(as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))”;

(2) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking “physician-prescribed exercise” and inserting “exercise prescribed by a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))”;

and

(3) in paragraph (5), by inserting after “physician” the following: “(as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner,
or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))”.

(b) PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.—Section 1861(fff) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(fff)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “physician-prescribed exercise” and inserting “exercise prescribed by a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))”; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by inserting after “physician” the following: “(as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection (aa)(5))”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to items and services furnished on or after January 1, 2024.