

H. R. 3657

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for payment for services of radiologist assistants under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. CURTIS) 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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3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Access to
5 Radiology Care Act of 2021”.

1 as an employee of, a leased employee
2 of, or an independent contractor of
3 the supervising radiologist; and

4 “(II) which the radiologist assist-
5 ant is legally authorized to perform
6 under State law (or the State regu-
7 latory mechanism provided by State
8 law).

9 “(ii) RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT.—The
10 term ‘radiologist assistant’ means a
11 radiographer who is certified by the Amer-
12 ican Registry of Radiologic Technologists
13 as a registered radiologist assistant or by
14 the Certification Board for Radiology
15 Practitioner Assistants as a radiology prac-
16 titioner assistant to perform radiologic pro-
17 cedures under the supervision of a radiolo-
18 gist.

19 “(2) PAYMENT IN FACILITY SETTINGS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
21 provide for payment for radiologist assistant
22 services in a facility setting furnished on or
23 after January 1, 2022. Payment shall be made
24 to the supervising radiologist.

1 “(B) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The amount of
2 payment for radiologist assistant services fur-
3 nished in a facility setting shall be the amount
4 determined under paragraph (1).

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1 critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical cen-
2 ter or any other facility setting specified by the
3 Secretary under paragraph (2)(C)(iii), as the
4 case may be.”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT FOR PAYMENT TO
6 SUPERVISING RADIOLOGIST.—The first sentence of sec-
7 tion 1842(b)(6) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395u(b)(6)) is
8 amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” before “(J)”; and
9 st sentence of sec-