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A BILL

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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 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT**
2 **SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834 of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m) is amended by adding at the
5 end the following new subsection:

6 “(z) PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN RADIOLOGIST ASSIST-
7 ANT SERVICES.—

8 “(1) PAYMENT.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of radiolo-
10 gist assistant services (as defined in subpara-
11 graph (B)) furnished on or after January 1,
12 2022, for which payment is made under the fee
13 schedules established under section 1848, the
14 amount of payment for such services shall equal
15 85 percent of the amount determined under
16 section 1848 for such services when furnished
17 by a radiologist.

18 “(B) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 “(i) RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT SERV-
20 ICES.—The term ‘radiologist assistant
21 services’ means services furnished as an in-
22 cident to a radiologists’ professional serv-
23 ice—

24 “(I) performed by a radiologist
25 assistant (as defined in clause (ii))
26 under the supervision of a radiologist

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- 1 critical access hospital, ambulatory surgical cen-
- 2 ter, or any other facility setting specified by the