

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7207

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from selecting certain activities relating to the development of anti-racism plans as clinical practice improvement activities under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2024

Mr. PALMER (for himself, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. BIGGS, and Mr. TIFFANY) 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 “Preventing Racism in
5 Medicare Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND**
2 **HUMAN SERVICES FROM SELECTING CER-**
3 **TAIN ACTIVITIES RELATING TO THE DEVEL-**
4 **OPMENT OF ANTI-RACISM PLANS AS CLIN-**
5 **ICAL PRACTICE IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES**
6 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

7 Section 1848(q)(2)(C)(v)(III) of the Social Security
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(q)(2)(C)(v)(III)) is amended by
9 adding at the end the following new sentence: “Such term
10 does not include any activity consisting of the development
11 of an anti-racism plan (as described in the rule entitled
12 ‘Medicare Program; CY 2022 Payment Policies Under the
13 Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B
14 Payment Policies; Medicare Shared Savings Program Re-
15 quirements; Provider Enrollment Regulation Updates; and
16 Provider and Supplier Prepayment and Post-Payment
17 Medical Review Requirements’ published on November 19,
18 2021 (86 Fed. Reg. 65969 et seq.)) or any substantially
19 similar activity.”.

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