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1ST SESSION

S. 1673

To amend title XVIII to protect patient access to ground ambulance services under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 18, 2023

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. CASIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Protecting Access to
5 Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING PATIENT ACCESS TO MEDICARE**
7 **GROUND AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

8 (a) SUPER RURAL AMBULANCE.—Section
9 1834(l)(12)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1395m(l)(12)(A)) is amended—

1 (1) in the first sentence, by striking “2025”
2 and inserting “2028”; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sen-
4 tence: “In the case of services furnished on or after
5 January 1, 2025, and before January 1, 2028, such
6 percent increase shall be 26.7 percent.”.

7 (b) GROUND AMBULANCE.—Section 1834(l)(13)(A)
8 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(l)(13)(A))
9 is amended—

10 (1) in the matter preceding clause (i), by strik-
11 ing “2025” and inserting “2028”;

12 (2) in clause (i), by inserting “, or 4.3 percent
13 if such service is furnished on or after January 1,
14 2025, and before January 1, 2028” after “2025”;
15 and

16 (3) in clause (ii), by inserting “, or 3.4 percent
17 if such service is furnished on or after January 1,
18 2025, and before January 1, 2028” after “2025”.

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