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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand the use of telehealth services for remote imaging for chronic eye disease.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 27, 2019

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY) 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 “Screenings for Eye
5 Evaluation, Monitoring, Observation, Review, and Exam-
6 ination Act” or the “SEE MORE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING THE USE OF TELEHEALTH SERVICES**
2 **FOR REMOTE IMAGING FOR CHRONIC EYE**
3 **DISEASE.**

4 Section 1834(m) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1395m(m)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (4)(C)(i), by striking “and
7 (7)” and inserting “(7), and (8)”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(8) TREATMENT OF REMOTE IMAGING FOR
11 CHRONIC EYE DISEASE.—

12 “(A) NON-APPLICATION OF ORIGINATING
13 SITE REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements de-
14 scribed in paragraph (4)(C) shall not apply with
15 respect to telehealth services furnished on or
16 after January 1, 2020, for purposes of pro-
17 viding remote imaging for chronic eye disease,
18 as determined by the Secretary, including dia-
19 betic eye disease and glaucoma. Such screenings
20 and services shall include the use of FDA-ap-
21 proved ocular imaging techniques and tech-
22 nologies, including artificial intelligence tech-
23 nologies, shown to support the accurate diag-
24 nosis or monitoring or treatment of diabetic ret-
25 inopathy, glaucoma, or other chronic eye dis-
26 ease, as determined by the Secretary.

1 “(B) NO ORIGINATING SITE FACILITY FEE
2 FOR NEW SITES.—No facility fee shall be paid
3 under paragraph (2)(B) to an originating site
4 with respect to a telehealth service described in
5 subparagraph (A) if the originating site does
6 not otherwise meet the requirements for an
7 originating site under paragraph (4)(C).

8 “(C) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years
9 after the date of the enactment of this para-
10 graph, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a
11 report on the impact of this paragraph with re-
12 spect to telehealth services on—

13 “(i) the utilization of health care
14 items and services related to diabetes and
15 glaucoma;

16 “(ii) health outcomes related to diabe-
17 tes and glaucoma; and

18 “(iii) the rates of specialty referrals
19 and the rate for completion of a specialty
20 visit within 90 days of referral for individ-
21 uals with diabetic retinopathy or glaucoma
22 after receiving telehealth services.”.

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