

116TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 237

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit nurse practitioners and physician assistants to satisfy the documentation requirement under the Medicare program for coverage of certain shoes for individuals with diabetes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2019

Mr. BROWN (for himself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 “Promoting Access to  
5 Diabetic Shoes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSI-**  
2 **CIAN ASSISTANTS TO SATISFY MEDICARE**  
3 **DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT FOR COV-**  
4 **ERAGE OF CERTAIN SHOES FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
5 **WITH DIABETES.**

6 Section 1861(s)(12) of the Social Security Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(12)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, nurse  
9 practitioner, or physician assistant” after “physi-  
10 cian”; and

11 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, nurse  
12 practitioner, or physician assistant” after each oc-  
13 currence of “physician”.

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