

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 596

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for direct payment to physician assistants under the Medicare program for certain services furnished by such physician assistants.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 28, 2019

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. CARPER) 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. DIRECT MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**
4 **FURNISHED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1832(a)(2)(B) of the So-
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395k(a)(2)(B)) is amended
7 by adding at the end the following new clause:

1 “(v) services of a physician assistant
2 but only if no facility or other provider
3 charges or is paid any amounts with re-
4 spect to the furnishing of such services;”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to services fur-
7 nished on or after July 1, 2020.

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