

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 374

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 17, 2011

Mr. KERRY (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, and Ms. COLLINS) 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 “Medicare Mental
5 Health Inpatient Equity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF 190-DAY LIFETIME LIMIT ON INPA-**
7 **TIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL SERVICES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1812 of the Social Secu-
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395d) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding “or” at
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “; or” at
5 the end and inserting a period; and

6 (C) by striking paragraph (3); and

7 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “(but shall not
8 be included” and all that follows before the period
9 at the end.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply to items and services furnished
12 on or after January 1, 2012.

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