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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. SMITH, Ms. SINEMA, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BROWN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. PETERS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Expanding Access to
5 Diabetes Self-Management Training Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING ACCESS TO DIABETES OUTPATIENT**
2 **SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(qq) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(qq)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1)—

6 (A) by striking “the Secretary determines
7 appropriate” and inserting “specified in para-
8 graph (3)”;

9 (B) by inserting “or qualified nonphysician
10 practitioner” after “only if the physician”; and

11 (C) by inserting “(or other physician or
12 qualified nonphysician practitioner furnishing
13 items or services to such individual, in coordina-
14 tion with the physician or qualified nonphysi-
15 cian practitioner managing such individual’s di-
16 abetic condition)” after “managing the individ-
17 ual’s diabetic condition”;

18 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “para-
19 graph” and inserting “subparagraph”; and

20 (3) by adding at the end the following new
21 paragraph:

22 “(3) For purposes of paragraph (1), the times speci-
23 fied in this paragraph are the following:

24 “(A) An initial 10 hours of educational and
25 training services to remain available until used.

1 “(B) No more than 2 hours of individual or
2 group educational and training services each year,
3 including the year in which the initial 10 hours de-
4 scribed in subparagraph (A) are completed.”.

5 (b) MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY SERVICES.—Sec-
6 tion 1861(s)(2)(V) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395x(s)(2)(V)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking clause (i);

9 (2) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as
10 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively; and

11 (3) in clause (ii), as so redesignated, by striking
12 “after consideration of” and inserting “consistent
13 with”.

14 (c) COST-SHARING.—Section 1833 of the Social Secu-
15 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)(1)—

17 (A) by striking “and (DD)” and inserting
18 “(DD)”; and

19 (B) by striking the semicolon at the end
20 and inserting “and (EE) with respect to diabe-
21 tes outpatient self-management training serv-
22 ices (as defined in section 1861(qq)), the
23 amount paid shall be 100 percent of the lesser
24 of the actual charge for the services or the

1 amount determined under the fee schedule that
2 applies to such services under this part;” and
3 (2) in subsection (b), in the first sentence—

4 (A) by striking “and (12)” and inserting
5 “(12)”; and

6 (B) by striking the period at the end and
7 inserting “, and (13) such deductible shall not
8 apply with respect to diabetes outpatient self-
9 management training services (as defined in
10 section 1861(qq)).”

11 (d) APPLICATION.—The amendments made by this
12 section shall apply with respect to items and services fur-
13 nished on or after January 1, 2023.

14 **SEC. 3. CMI TESTING OF PROVIDING VIRTUAL DIABETES**
15 **OUTPATIENT SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING**
16 **SERVICES.**

17 Section 1115A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
18 1315a) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by adding at the
20 end the following new sentence: “The models se-
21 lected under this subparagraph shall include the
22 testing of the model described in subsection (h).”;
23 and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 section:

1 “(h) TESTING OF PROVIDING VIRTUAL DIABETES
2 OUTPATIENT SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING SERVICES.—

3 “(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than Janu-
4 ary 1, 2023, the Secretary shall implement a model
5 to test the impact of providing coverage under title
6 XVIII for virtual diabetes outpatient self-manage-
7 ment training services furnished to applicable bene-
8 ficiaries with respect to improved health outcomes
9 for such applicable beneficiaries and reduced expend-
10 itures under such title XVIII.

11 “(2) MODEL DESIGN.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
13 design the model under this subsection in such
14 a manner to allow for the evaluation of demo-
15 graphic characteristics of applicable bene-
16 ficiaries participating in such model and the ex-
17 tent to which such model accomplishes the fol-
18 lowing purposes:

19 “(i) Improvement in health outcomes
20 with respect to the diabetic conditions, in-
21 cluding by reducing A1c levels.

22 “(ii) Reduced hospitalizations due to
23 diabetic-related complications.

24 “(iii) Increased utilization of diabetes
25 outpatient self-management training serv-

1 ices as evidenced by, for example, Medicare
2 beneficiary participation and utilization of
3 covered hours during the first year and
4 subsequent years or use of diabetes out-
5 patient self-management training services
6 in rural and underserved communities.

7 “(iv) Improved medication adherence.

8 “(v) Reduced expenditures under this
9 title attributable to the model.

10 “(B) CONSULTATION.—In designing the
11 model under this subsection, the Secretary
12 shall, not later than 3 months after the date of
13 the enactment of this subsection, consult with
14 stakeholders in the field of diabetes care and
15 education, clinicians in the primary care com-
16 munity, experts in digital health, and bene-
17 ficiary groups.

18 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 “(A) APPLICABLE BENEFICIARY.—The
20 term ‘applicable beneficiary’ means an indi-
21 vidual with diabetes as described in section
22 1861(qq).

23 “(B) QUALIFIED WEB-BASED PROGRAM.—
24 The term ‘qualified web-based program’ means
25 a web-based program—

1 “(i) designed to furnish educational
2 and training services to an individual with
3 diabetes to ensure therapy compliance with
4 respect to the individual’s diabetic condi-
5 tion or to provide the individual with nec-
6 essary skills and knowledge (including
7 skills related to the self-administration of
8 injectable drugs) to participate in the indi-
9 vidual’s management of such condition;
10 and

11 “(ii) that meets the quality standards
12 described in section 1861(qq)(2)(B).

13 “(C) VIRTUAL DIABETES OUTPATIENT
14 SELF-MANAGEMENT TRAINING SERVICES.—The
15 term ‘virtual diabetes outpatient self-manage-
16 ment training services’ means any diabetes out-
17 patient self-management training services (as
18 defined in section 1861(qq)) furnished by a
19 qualified web-based program for synchronous or
20 asynchronous diabetes outpatient self-manage-
21 ment training services.”.