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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and clinical nurse specialists to supervise cardiac, intensive cardiac, and pulmonary rehabilitation programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 1, 2012

Mr. SCHUMER (for himself and Mr. CRAPO) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ALLOWING PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSE**
2 **PRACTITIONERS, AND CLINICAL NURSE SPE-**
3 **CIALISTS TO SUPERVISE CARDIAC, INTEN-**
4 **SIVE CARDIAC, AND PULMONARY REHABILI-**
5 **TATION PROGRAMS.**

6 (a) **CARDIAC AND INTENSIVE CARDIAC REHABILITA-**
7 **TION PROGRAMS.**—Section 1861(eee) of the Social Secu-
8 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(eee)) is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (1)—

10 (A) by striking “physician-supervised”;

11 and

12 (B) by inserting “under the supervision of
13 a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or
14 a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or
15 clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-
16 fined in subsection (aa)(5))” before the period
17 at the end;

18 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “a physi-
19 cian” and inserting “a physician (as defined in sub-
20 section (r)(1)) or a physician assistant, nurse practi-
21 tioner, or clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are
22 defined in subsection (aa)(5))”; and

23 (3) in paragraph (4)(A), in the matter pre-
24 ceding clause (i)—

25 (A) by striking “physician-supervised”;

26 and

1 (B) by inserting “under the supervision of
2 a physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or
3 a physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or
4 clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-
5 fined in subsection (aa)(5))” after “paragraph
6 (3)”.

7 (b) PULMONARY REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.—Sec-
8 tion 1861(fff)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1395x(fff)(1)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “physician-supervised”; and

11 (2) by inserting “under the supervision of a
12 physician (as defined in subsection (r)(1)) or a phy-
13 sician assistant, nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse
14 specialist (as those terms are defined in subsection
15 (aa)(5))” before the period at the end.

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