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S. 247

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify payment rules for manual wheelchairs under part B of the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 24, 2025

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. DUCKWORTH) 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 “Choices for Increased
5 Mobility Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREATMENT OF CER-**
 2 **TAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS UNDER THE**
 3 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 5 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following
 6 new paragraph:

7 “(23) SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREAT-
 8 MENT OF CERTAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS.—

9 “(A) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH SEPA-
 10 RATE HCPCS CODES FOR CERTAIN MANUAL
 11 WHEELCHAIRS.—With respect to
 12 ultralightweight manual wheelchairs payable
 13 under this subsection furnished on or after Jan-
 14 uary 1, 2026, the Secretary shall establish two
 15 or more HCPCS codes, as determined appro-
 16 priate by the Secretary, for the base of such a
 17 wheelchair depending on the construction mate-
 18 rial used in such base (with 1 or more such
 19 codes for such a base with titanium or carbon
 20 fiber construction material and 1 or more such
 21 codes for such a base without such materials).

22 “(B) PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PRO-
 23 TECTIONS.—

24 “(i) PAYMENT.—On or after January
 25 1, 2026, in the case where an individual
 26 purchases or rents from a supplier an

1 ultralightweight manual wheelchair that
2 has titanium or carbon fiber construction
3 material used in the base of such wheel-
4 chair, payment to the supplier shall be
5 made in the frequency and amount as
6 would otherwise be made under this sub-
7 section (as described in paragraph (1)(A))
8 for such wheelchair.

9 “(ii) BENEFICIARY CHARGES.—The
10 supplier may charge the individual the dif-
11 ference between the payment amount de-
12 scribed in clause (i) for such wheelchair
13 and the supplier’s actual charge for such
14 wheelchair.

15 “(iii) BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS.—
16 In order to inform an individual of their
17 potential financial liability under clause
18 (ii), the Secretary may require a supplier
19 to issue a notice to the individual (in a
20 form and manner determined by the Sec-
21 retary) prior to the purchase or rent of
22 such ultralightweight manual wheelchair by
23 such individual.”.

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