

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2951

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide for certain adjustments to Medicare payment for items of durable medical equipment that were formerly included in round 2021 of the DMEPOS competitive bidding program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) 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 “Competitive Bidding
5 Relief Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT RATES FOR DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIP-**
2 **MENT IN DMEPOS NON-COMPETITIVE BID-**
3 **DING AREAS UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**
4 **GRAM.**

5 (a) AREAS OTHER THAN RURAL AND NONCONTIG-
6 UOUS AREAS.—The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
7 ices (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall
8 implement section 414.210(g)(9)(v) of title 42, Code of
9 Federal Regulations (or any successor regulation), to
10 apply the transition rule described in the first sentence
11 of such section to all applicable items and services fur-
12 nished in areas other than rural or noncontiguous areas
13 (as such terms are defined for purposes of such section)
14 through December 31, 2025.

15 (b) ALL AREAS.—The Secretary shall not implement
16 section 414.210(g)(9)(vi) of title 42, Code of Federal Reg-
17 ulations (or any successor regulation) until January 1,
18 2026.

19 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other
20 provision of law, the Secretary may implement the provi-
21 sions of this section by program instruction or otherwise.

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