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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. THUNE (for himself and Mr. CARPER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on __________________

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Chronic Disease Man-

agement Act of 2021”.

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SEC. 2. CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) PREVENTIVE CARE SERVICES AND ITEMS FOR CHRONIC CONDITIONS.—For purposes of subparagraph (C)—

“(i) preventive care shall include any service or item used to treat an individual with a chronic condition if—

“(I) such service or item is low-cost,

“(II) in regards to such service or item, there is medical evidence supporting high cost efficiency of preventing exacerbation of the chronic condition or the development of a secondary condition, and

“(III) there is a strong likelihood, documented by clinical evidence, that with respect to the class of individuals utilizing such service or item, the specific service or use of the item will prevent the exacerbation of the chronic condition or the development of a secondary condition that requires
significantly higher cost treatments,

and

“(ii) an individual who has been pre-
scribed preventive care for any chronic
condition may be presumed to have been
diagnosed with such condition if such pre-
ventive care is customarily prescribed for
such condition.”.

(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by
this section shall apply to coverage for months beginning
after the date of the enactment of this Act.