

115TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. NELSON, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Comprehensive  
5 Screenings for Seniors Act of 2018”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF SCREENING FOR POTENTIAL SUB-**  
2 **STANCE USE DISORDERS AND A REVIEW OF**  
3 **ANY CURRENT OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS AS**  
4 **PART OF THE INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYS-**  
5 **ICAL EXAMINATION AND THE ANNUAL**  
6 **WELLNESS VISIT UNDER MEDICARE.**

7 (a) INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINA-  
8 TION.—Section 1861(ww) of the Social Security Act (42  
9 U.S.C. 1395x(ww)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (1)—

11 (A) by striking “paragraph (2) and” and  
12 inserting “paragraph (2),”; and

13 (B) by inserting “and the furnishing of a  
14 review of any current opioid prescriptions (as  
15 defined in paragraph (4)),” after “upon the  
16 agreement with the individual,”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (2)—

18 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (N) as  
19 subparagraph (O); and

20 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (M)  
21 the following new subparagraph:

22 “(N) Screening for potential substance use  
23 disorders.”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following new  
25 paragraph:

1           “(4) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘a re-  
2 view of any current opioid prescriptions’ means, with re-  
3 spect to an individual determined to have a current pre-  
4 scription for opioids—

5           “(A) a review of the potential risk factors to the  
6 individual for opioid use disorder;

7           “(B) an evaluation of the individual’s severity  
8 of pain and current treatment plan;

9           “(C) the provision of information on non-opioid  
10 treatment options; and

11           “(D) a referral to a pain management spe-  
12 cialist, as appropriate.”.

13           (b)     ANNUAL     WELLNESS     VISIT.—Section  
14 1861(hhh)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395x(hhh)(2)) is amended—

16           (1) by redesignating subparagraph (G) as sub-  
17 paragraph (I); and

18           (2) by inserting after subparagraph (F) the fol-  
19 lowing new subparagraphs:

20           “(G) Screening for potential substance use  
21 disorders and referral for treatment as appro-  
22 priate.

23           “(H) The furnishing of a review of any  
24 current opioid prescriptions (as defined in sub-  
25 section (ww)(4)).”.

1           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply to examinations and visits fur-  
3 nished on or after January 1, 2019.