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To improve access to opioid use disorder treatment services under the Medicare program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. CARDIN) 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 “Supporting Seniors  
5 with Opioid Use Disorder Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING AWARENESS AND DATA COLLECTION**  
2 **REGARDING MEDICARE COVERAGE OF**  
3 **OPIOID USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERV-**  
4 **ICES.**

5 (a) **REQUIRED OUTREACH.**—The Secretary shall ad-  
6 vance education and awareness among beneficiaries and  
7 health care providers regarding coverage of opioid use dis-  
8 order treatment services furnished in person or via tele-  
9 health under the Medicare program under title XVIII of  
10 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.), including  
11 by revising outreach and enrollment materials as appro-  
12 priate, making State and national contact information for  
13 health care providers publicly available in an easily acces-  
14 sible manner, tailoring outreach to at risk or underserved  
15 beneficiaries as appropriate, and developing or improving  
16 continuing education programs that advance the education  
17 of providers on the prescribing of, and relevant clinical  
18 considerations with respect to, opioid medications and sub-  
19 stance use disorder treatment programs.

20 (b) **REPORT AND EVALUATION.**—The Secretary shall  
21 conduct an evaluation of the outreach conducted under  
22 subsection (a) not later than 18 months after initiating  
23 such activities and shall submit to Congress a report that  
24 provides an analysis of the effectiveness of outreach activi-  
25 ties targeting beneficiaries who were previously not receiv-  
26 ing opioid use disorder treatment services, including the

1 effect of such outreach on beneficiary access to care and  
2 utilization of services, in addition to the number of pro-  
3 viders treating beneficiaries for opioid use disorder in of-  
4 fice-based settings.

5 (c) IMPROVING DATA COLLECTION.—Not later than  
6 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
7 Administrator shall provide data to the Substance Abuse  
8 and Mental Health Services Administration on—

9 (1) the number of Medicare beneficiaries diag-  
10 nosed with opioid use disorder;

11 (2) the number of beneficiaries who receive  
12 medication-assisted treatment under the Medicare  
13 program;

14 (3) the number of beneficiaries who receive  
15 medication-assisted treatment under the Medicare  
16 program who also receive behavioral therapy; and

17 (4) any geographic areas in which beneficiaries  
18 remain underserved with respect to the provision of  
19 opioid use disorder treatment services under the  
20 Medicare program.

21 (d) STAKEHOLDER MEETING.—Not later than 18  
22 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
23 Secretary shall convene a meeting of stakeholders, includ-  
24 ing practicing behavioral health providers, to share best  
25 practices on the utilization of behavioral therapy among

1 beneficiaries receiving medication to treat opioid use dis-  
2 order under the Medicare program.

3 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-  
5 trator” means the Administrator of the Centers for  
6 Medicare & Medicaid Services.

7 (2) MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT.—The  
8 term “medication-assisted treatment” means an evi-  
9 dence-based treatment that consists of the adminis-  
10 tration of medications and related behavioral thera-  
11 pies.

12 (3) OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM.—The term  
13 “opioid treatment program” has the meaning given  
14 that term in paragraph (2) of section 1861(jjj) of  
15 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jjj)).

16 (4) OPIOID USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERV-  
17 ICES.—The term “opioid use disorder treatment  
18 services” has the meaning given that term in para-  
19 graph (1) of such section.

20 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
21 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.