

Modification to S. 1253 as modified, “Patient Access to Disposable Medical Technology Act of 2015”

On page 1 under current law strike the final three paragraphs and replace with the following paragraph:

“Under current law, Medicare beneficiaries may receive negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT), which uses a vacuum pump and special dressings to promote wound healing. If a home health agency (HHA) furnishes a beneficiary with durable NPWT, Medicare makes a payment to the HHA for the visit and to a DME supplier for the NPWT. If the HHA uses a disposable NPWT, Medicare does not make an additional payment and the HHA absorbs the cost of the disposable NPWT.”

In the first paragraph, after S. 1253 as modified, in the first sentence, insert after “a”, “payment, separate from the payments otherwise made under the home health prospective payment system” and strike “new benefit category”; after “device,” insert “furnished to a beneficiary who receives home health services beginning January 1, 2017. This device would be”, strike “which is”.

Strike the following two paragraphs and replace with:

“The Secretary would be required to establish the separate payment amount for 2017, 2018 and 2019 at the greater of (1) the amount that would be paid for applicable disposable devices under the hospital outpatient department (OPD) prospective payment system (PPS) for the year involved or (2) an amount equal to 150 percent of the amount paid for applicable disposable devices under the OPD PPS for 2015. For those services furnished after 2019, the payment amount would be the payment that would be made for applicable disposable devices under the OPD PPS for the year involved.”