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To provide a 2-year grace period for physicians and other health care providers in transitioning from the use of ICD–9 to ICD–10.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PALMER (for himself, Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. SALMON, Mr. BUCK, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mrs. LOVE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. LAMBORN, Mrs. HARTZLER, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. RATCLIFFE, Mr. ZINKE, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. WALKER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BISHOP of Michigan, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. BLUM, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. RICE of South Carolina, Mr. BYRNE, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. BARTON, and Mr. BOUSTANY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To provide a 2-year grace period for physicians and other health care providers in transitioning from the use of ICD–9 to ICD–10.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Patients
3 and Physicians Against Coding Act of 2015”.

4 **SEC. 2. 2-YEAR GRACE PERIOD IN TRANSITIONING FROM**
5 **THE USE OF ICD-9 TO ICD-10.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out regulations pro-
7 viding for the replacement of ICD-9 with ICD-10 as a
8 standard for code sets under section 1173(c) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320d-2(c)) and section
10 162.1002 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, the
11 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide for
12 a 2-year grace period during which physicians and other
13 health care providers submitting claims and other docu-
14 ments using ICD-10 are not penalized for errors, mis-
15 takes, and malfunctions relating to the transition to such
16 code set.

17 (b) ASSISTANCE.—During the 2-year grace period de-
18 scribed in subsection (a), the Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services shall take affirmative steps to assist phy-
20 sicians and other health care providers who are subject
21 to the requirement to use ICD-10 as a standard for code
22 sets in identifying appropriate ICD-10 subcodes.

23 (c) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

24 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
25 United States shall conduct a study on—

1 (A) the extent to which the transition to
2 ICD–10 code sets has affected—

3 (i) physicians and other health care
4 providers in general; and

5 (ii) physicians and other health care
6 providers in rural areas; and

7 (B) the effectiveness of programs con-
8 ducted by the Secretary of Health and Human
9 Services that are designed to support physicians
10 and other health care providers referred to in
11 clauses (i) and (ii) of subparagraph (A).

12 (2) REPORT.—Not later than April 1, 2016, the
13 Comptroller General of the United States shall sub-
14 mit to Congress a report on the study conducted
15 under paragraph (1), together with recommenda-
16 tions for such legislation and administrative action
17 as the Comptroller General determines to be appro-
18 priate.

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