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To require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test the efficacy of providing Alzheimer's Disease caregiver support services in delaying or reducing the use of institutionalized care for Medicare beneficiaries with Alzheimer's Disease or a related dementia.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. CAPITO (for herself and Ms. STABENOW) 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 "Alzheimer's Bene-  
5       ficiary and Caregiver Support Act".

1   **SEC. 2. TESTING OF MEDICARE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE**  
2                   **OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CAREGIVER SUP-**  
3                   **PORT SERVICES.**

4       Section 1115A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5    1315a) is amended—

6               (1) in subsection (b)(2)—

7                   (A) in subparagraph (A), by adding at the  
8                  end the following new sentence: “The models  
9                  selected under this subparagraph shall include  
10                 the model described in subparagraph (D), which  
11                 shall be implemented by not later than the date  
12                 that is 1 year after the date of enactment of  
13                 such subparagraph.”; and

14               (B) by adding at the end the following new  
15                 subparagraph:

16               “(D) ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CAREGIVER  
17                 SUPPORT SERVICES MODEL.—The model de-  
18                 scribed in this subparagraph is a model that  
19                 meets the requirements of subsection (h) with  
20                 respect to coverage of, and payment for, Alz-  
21                 heimer's Disease caregiver support services (as  
22                 defined in such subsection).”; and

23               (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
24                 section:

25               “(h) COVERAGE OF ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE CARE-  
26                 GIVER SUPPORT SERVICES.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the succeeding  
2       provisions of this subsection, for the 3-year period  
3       that begins on January 1, 2018, the Secretary shall  
4       test the efficacy of coverage of, and payment for,  
5       Alzheimer’s Disease caregiver support services (as  
6       defined in paragraph (2)) under the applicable title,  
7       in delaying or reducing the use of institutionalized  
8       care for applicable Medicare beneficiaries (as defined  
9       in paragraph (3)).

10          “(2) DEFINITION OF ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE  
11       CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES.—In this subsection,  
12       the term ‘Alzheimer’s Disease caregiver support  
13       services’ means the following services furnished by  
14       an eligible professional (as defined in paragraph (3))  
15       to a family caregiver (as defined in such paragraph)  
16       of an applicable Medicare beneficiary (as defined in  
17       such paragraph):

18           “(A) A defined set of counseling sessions  
19       over a fixed period of time (as determined ap-  
20       propriate by the Secretary), including a com-  
21       prehensive baseline interview, two individual  
22       counseling session, and four family counseling  
23       sessions.

24           “(B) Following such defined set of coun-  
25       seling sessions, a subsequent period (as deter-

7               “(3) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—In this sub-  
8               section:

9                         “(A)      APPLICABLE      MEDICARE      BENE-  
10                         FICIARY.—The term ‘applicable Medicare bene-  
11                         ficiary’ means an individual—

12                         “(i) who is entitled to benefits under  
13                         part A and enrolled under part B of title  
14                         XVIII who is not enrolled in a Medicare  
15                         Advantage plan under part C of such title,  
16                         an eligible organization under section  
17                         1876, or a PACE program under section  
18                         1894; and

19                                 “(ii) who has been diagnosed with  
20                                 Alzheimer’s Disease or a related dementia.

21                   “(B) ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL.—The term  
22       ‘eligible professional’ means an individual  
23       who—

1                   practitioner (as defined in section  
2                   1861(aa)(5)(A)); and

3                         “(ii) has undergone extensive online  
4                   training in the best practices for caregiver  
5                   intervention for patients who have been di-  
6                   agnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease or a re-  
7                   lated dementia.

8                         “(C) FAMILY CAREGIVER.—The term ‘fam-  
9                   ily caregiver’ means, with respect to an applica-  
10                  ble Medicare beneficiary, a spouse, adult child,  
11                  or other family member of the applicable Medi-  
12                  care beneficiary who is part of the care team of  
13                  the applicable Medicare beneficiary and receives  
14                  no monetary compensation for their service as  
15                  part of the team.

16                         “(4) PAYMENT.—The Secretary shall establish  
17                  payment amounts under this subsection for Alz-  
18                  heimer’s Disease caregiver support services.”.