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	TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION S.
ı	To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure stability in payments to home health agencies under the Medicare program.
	IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES
Ŋ	Ms. Stabenow introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on
	A BILL
То	amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure stability in payments to home health agencies under the Medicare program.
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 "Preserving Access to
5	Home Health Act of 2022".
6	SEC. 2. ENSURING STABILITY IN PAYMENTS TO HOME
7	HEALTH AGENCIES.
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ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 1895(b)(3)(D) of the Social Se-

10 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395fff(b)(3)(D)) is amended—

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1	(1) in each of clauses (ii) and (iii), by striking
2	"The Secretary shall" and inserting "Subject to
3	clause (iv), the Secretary shall"; and
4	(2) by adding at the end the following new
5	clause:
6	"(iv) Special rules for decreases
7	IN PAYMENTS.—
8	"(I) Postponement.—No per-
9	manent decrease to the standard pro-
10	spective payment amount (or
11	amounts) for a year under clause (ii)
12	and no temporary decrease to the pay-
13	ment amount for a unit of home
14	health services for a year under clause
15	(iii) shall be made prior to [2028].
16	"(II) Sunset.—Subject to sub-
17	clause (I), the Secretary shall ensure
18	that all necessary permanent or tem-
19	porary decreases described in sub-
20	clause (I) are made prior to [2032].
21	"(III) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing
22	in subclause (I) or (II) shall affect the
23	application of any necessary increase
24	to the standard prospective payment
25	amount (or amounts) for a year under

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1	clause (ii) or temporary increase to
2	the payment amount for a unit of
3	home health services for a year under
4	clause (iii).''.
5	(b) Implementation.—Notwithstanding any other
6	provision of law, the Secretary may implement the provi-
7	sions of, and the amendments made by, this section by
8	program instruction or otherwise.