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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
SECTION 1. TESTING OF INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS FOR ADOPTION AND USE OF CERTIFIED ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD TECHNOLOGY.

Section 1115A(b)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315a(b)(2)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(xxv) Providing incentive payments to behavioral health providers, such as a public or private hospital that is principally a psychiatric hospital (as defined in section 1861(f)), a community mental health center (as described in section 1913(b)(2) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x–2(b)(2))), an accredited residential or outpatient mental health treatment facility, an accredited substance abuse treatment facility, a clinical psychologist (as defined in section 1861(ii)), and a clinical social worker (as defined in section 1861(hh)(1)), for adopting certified EHR technology (as defined in section 1848(o)(4)) and using such technology to improve the quality and coordination of
care through the electronic exchange of health information.”.