H. R. 1328

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 30, 2001

Mr. HOBSON (for himself, Mrs. CAPITTO, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, and Mr. TANNER) 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

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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. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Mammogram Access Protection Act of 2001”.

SEC. 2. ENHANCED REIMBURSEMENT UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM FOR SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHIES FURNISHED IN 2002.

(a) One-Year Delay of Inclusion of Payment for Screening Mammography in Physician Fee Schedule.—Section 104(c) of BIPA (114 Stat. 2763A–470) is amended by striking “January 1, 2002” and inserting “January 1, 2003”.

(b) Change in Payment Amount.—Section 1834(c)(3)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(3)(A)) is amended—

(1) in the heading, by striking “$55, indexed.—” and inserting “In general.—”;

(2) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

(3) in clause (ii)—

(A) by striking “a subsequent year” and inserting “1992 through 2001,”; and

(B) by striking “that subsequent year.” and inserting “that year, and”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) for screening mammography performed in 2002, is $90.”.

(c) Effective Dates.—

(1) BIPA Amendment.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect as if in-
cluded in the enactment of section 104 of BIPA (114 Stat. 2763A–469).

(2) Mammography in 2002.—The amendments made by subsection (b) shall apply with respect to screening mammographies furnished during 2002.

(d) Construction.—Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting the provisions of section 104(d) of BIPA (114 Stat. 2763–470) (relating to payment for new technologies).

(e) References to BIPA.—In this section, the term “BIPA” means the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000 (Appendix F, 114 Stat. 2763A–463), as enacted into law by section 1(a)(6) of Public Law 106–554.

SEC. 3. MEDPAC STUDY AND REPORT ON MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SCREENING SERVICES.

(a) Study.—The Medicare Payment Advisory Commission shall conduct a study of the relative value units established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under the medicare physician fee schedule under section 1848 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4) for screening services that are reimbursed under such fee schedule.

(b) Report.—Not later than March 1, 2002, the Commission shall submit to Congress a report on the
study conducted under subsection (a), together with such recommendations regarding the appropriateness of adjusting the relative value units for screening services that are reimbursed under the physician fee schedule as the Comptroller General determines appropriate.