

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 258

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of annual screening pap smear and screening pelvic exams.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 6, 2001

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mrs. LINCOLN) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Providing Annual Pap
5 Tests to Save Women’s Lives Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF ANNUAL SCREENING PAP SMEAR**
7 **AND PELVIC EXAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) ANNUAL SCREENING PAP SMEAR.—Section
 2 1861(nn)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 3 1395x(nn)(1)), as amended by section 101(a)(1) of
 4 the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP Benefits Im-
 5 provement and Protection Act of 2000 (as enacted
 6 into law by section 1(a)(6) of Public Law 106–554),
 7 is amended by striking “, if the individual involved”
 8 and all that follows before the period and inserting
 9 “if the woman involved has not had such a test dur-
 10 ing the preceding year”.

11 (2) ANNUAL SCREENING PELVIC EXAM.—Sec-
 12 tion 1861(nn)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
 13 U.S.C. 1395x(nn)(2)), as amended by section
 14 101(a)(2) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and SCHIP
 15 Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000
 16 (as enacted into law by section 1(a)(6) of Public
 17 Law 106–554), is amended by striking “during the
 18 preceding 2 years, or during the preceding year in
 19 the case of a woman described in paragraph (3),”
 20 and inserting “during the preceding year,”.

21 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 22 1861(nn) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 23 1395x(nn)) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) apply to items and services furnished on
3 or after January 1, 2002.

