

113TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2977

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage, as supplies associated with the injection of insulin, of containment, removal, decontamination and disposal of home-generated needles, syringes, and other sharps through a sharps container, decontamination/destruction device, or sharps-by-mail program or similar program under part D of the Medicare program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2013

Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself and Ms. DEGETTE) 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

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Safe Needle  
3 Disposal Coverage Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF CONTAINMENT, REMOVAL, DECON-**  
5 **TAMINATION AND DISPOSAL OF HOME-GEN-**  
6 **ERATED NEEDLES, SYRINGES, AND OTHER**  
7 **SHARPS THROUGH A SHARPS CONTAINER,**  
8 **DECONTAMINATION/DESTRUCTION DEVICE,**  
9 **OR SHARPS-BY-MAIL PROGRAM OR SIMILAR**  
10 **PROGRAM UNDER MEDICARE PART D.**

11 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1860D–2(e)(1)(B) of the  
12 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–102(e)(1)(B)) is  
13 amended by inserting after “regulations of the Secretary”  
14 the following: “and including devices approved for home  
15 use by the Food and Drug Administration for the safe  
16 and effective containment, removal, decontamination and  
17 disposal of home-generated needles, syringes, and other  
18 sharps through a sharps container, decontamination/de-  
19 struction device, or sharps-by-mail program or similar pro-  
20 gram”.

21 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
22 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2014.

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