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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2014

Mr. BURGESS (for himself and Mr. RUSH) 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. ADDING SLEEP APNEA SCREENING TO THE INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

(a) In general.—Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—
(1) in subsection (ww)(2), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(O) Sleep apnea screening (as defined in subsection (iii)).”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“Sleep Apnea Screening

“(iii) The term ‘sleep apnea screening’ means, with respect to an individual, a determination based upon information that is obtained with respect to the individual through an appropriate questionnaire as to whether the individual is at high risk for obstructive sleep apnea. Such determination shall be evidence-based and shall be made in accordance with recognized clinical guidelines or such other guidelines as the Secretary determines appropriate in consultation with appropriate medical organizations.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) apply to initial preventive physical examinations performed on or after January 1, 2016.