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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. YOUNG, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. WICKER, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. ERNST, Ms. SMITH, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. REED, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CASEY, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. GRAHAM, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. CARPER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KING, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TESTER, Mr. WARNER, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. PADILLA, and Mr. KELLY) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Lymphedema Treat-
3 ment Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CERTAIN LYMPHEDEMA**
5 **COMPRESSION TREATMENT ITEMS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-
7 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (s)(2)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (GG), by striking
10 “and” after the semicolon at the end;

11 (B) in subparagraph (HH), by striking the
12 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

13 (C) by adding at the end the following new
14 subparagraph:

15 “(II) lymphedema compression treatment items
16 (as defined in subsection (lll));”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 section:

19 “Lymphedema Compression Treatment Items

20 “(lll) The term ‘lymphedema compression treatment
21 items’ means—

22 “(1) standard and custom fitted gradient com-
23 pression garments that are—

24 “(A) furnished on or after January 1,
25 2023, to an individual with a diagnosis of

1 lymphedema for the treatment of such condi-
2 tion;

3 “(B) primarily and customarily used in the
4 medical treatment of lymphedema, as deter-
5 mined by the Secretary; and

6 “(C) prescribed by a physician (or a physi-
7 cian assistant, nurse practitioner, or a clinical
8 nurse specialist (as those terms are defined in
9 section 1861(aa)(5)) to the extent authorized
10 under State law); and

11 “(2) other devices determined by the Secretary
12 to be effective in the prevention or treatment of
13 lymphedema.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply to lymphedema compression
16 treatment items furnished on or after January 1, 2023.

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