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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to standardize coverage of bone mass measurements under part B of the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MORELLA (for herself, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. GREENWOOD, Ms. MOLINARI, Ms. DUNN, Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. KELLY, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. STEARNS, Ms. FURSE, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, Mr. YATES, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. EVANS, Ms. CHRISTIAN-GREEN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. RIVERS, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. MANTON, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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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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 Bone Mass
3 Measurement Coverage Standardization Coverage Act of
4 1997”.

5 **SEC. 2. STANDARDIZATION OF MEDICARE COVERAGE OF**
6 **BONE MASS MEASUREMENTS.**

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

9 (1) in subsection (s)—

10 (A) in paragraph (12)(C), by striking
11 “and” at the end,

12 (B) by striking the period at the end of
13 paragraph (14) and inserting “; and”,

14 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (15) and
15 (16) as paragraphs (16) and (17), respectively,
16 and

17 (D) by inserting after paragraph (14) the
18 following new paragraph:

19 “(15) bone mass measurement (as defined in
20 subsection (oo)).”; and

21 (2) by inserting after subsection (nn) the fol-
22 lowing new subsection:

23 “Bone Mass Measurement

24 “(oo)(1) The term ‘bone mass measurement’ means
25 a radiologic or radioisotopic procedure or other procedure
26 approved by the Food and Drug Administration performed

1 on a qualified individual (as defined in paragraph (2)) for
2 the purpose of identifying bone mass or detecting bone
3 loss or determining bone quality, and includes a physi-
4 cian’s interpretation of the results of the procedure.

5 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘quali-
6 fied individual’ means an individual who is (in accordance
7 with regulations prescribed by the Secretary)—

8 “(A) an estrogen-deficient woman at clinical
9 risk for osteoporosis;

10 “(B) an individual with vertebral abnormalities;

11 “(C) an individual receiving long-term
12 glucocorticoid steroid therapy;

13 “(D) an individual with primary
14 hyperparathyroidism; or

15 “(E) an individual being monitored to assess
16 the response to or efficacy of an approved
17 osteoporosis drug therapy.”.

18 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections 1864(a),
19 1902(a)(9)(C), and 1915(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I) of the Social Se-
20 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395aa(a), 1396a(a)(9)(C), and
21 1396n(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I)) are amended by striking “para-
22 graphs (15) and (16)” each place it appears and inserting
23 “paragraphs (16) and (17)”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to bone mass measurements per-
3 formed on or after January 1, 1998.

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