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S. 1335

To amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that coverage of bone mass measurements is provided under the health benefits program for Federal employees.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

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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 “Osteoporosis Federal
5 Employee Health Benefits Standardization Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF BONE MASS MEASUREMENTS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8902 of title 5, United
8 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
9 ing:

1 “(p)(1) A contract may not be made or a plan ap-
 2 proved which does not include coverage for bone mass
 3 measurement in the case of a qualified individual.

4 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the terms ‘bone
 5 mass measurement’ and ‘qualified individual’ shall each
 6 have the meaning given to it by section 1861(rr) of the
 7 Social Security Act, except that—

8 “(A) section 1861(rr)(2) of the Social Security
 9 Act shall be applied by substituting ‘the Director of
 10 the Office of Personnel Management’ for ‘the Sec-
 11 retary’; and

12 “(B) standards regarding the frequency with
 13 which a qualified individual shall be eligible to be
 14 provided benefits for bone mass measurement under
 15 a health benefits plan under this chapter shall be
 16 established by the Director in consultation with the
 17 Secretary of Health and Human Services.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 19 subsection (a) shall apply to bone mass measurements per-
 20 formed on or after such date as the Office of Personnel
 21 Management shall determine, except that such date shall
 22 in no event be earlier than July 1, 1998, nor later than
 23 January 1, 1999.

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