

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 540

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide annual screening mammography and waive coinsurance for screening mammography for women age 65 or older under the Medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 9, 1997

Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. TORRICELLI) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Mammog-
5 raphy Screening Expansion Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY UNDER**
 2 **THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) PROVIDING ANNUAL SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY
 4 FOR WOMEN AGE 65 OR OLDER.—Section 1834(c)(2)(A)
 5 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(2)(A)) is
 6 amended—

7 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “but under 65
 8 years of age,”; and

9 (2) by striking clause (v).

10 (b) WAIVER OF COINSURANCE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(c)(1)(C) of the
 12 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(1)(C)) is
 13 amended by striking “80 percent of”.

14 (2) WAIVER OF COINSURANCE IN OUTPATIENT
 15 HOSPITAL SETTINGS.—The third sentence of section
 16 1866(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 17 1395cc(a)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting after
 18 “1861(s)(10)(A)” the following: “, with respect to
 19 screening mammography (as defined in section
 20 1861(jj)),”.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 22 this section shall apply to screening mammography per-
 23 formed on or after January 1, 1998.

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