

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1542

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for screening retinal eye examinations under the Medicare Program for individuals diagnosed with diabetes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1999

Mr. STARK 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

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## 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 Diabetic Eye  
5       Exam Benefit Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCREENING RETINAL EYE EXAMINATIONS FOR IN-**  
2 **DIVIDUALS WITH DIABETES.**

3 (a) COVERAGE OF SCREENING RETINAL EYE EXAMI-  
4 NATIONS.—Section 1861(s)(2)(S) of the Social Security  
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)(S)) is amended—

6 (1) by inserting “(i)” after “(S)”, and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new  
8 clause:

9 “(ii) screening retinal eye examinations fur-  
10 nished to individuals diagnosed with diabetes, but  
11 only if the physician who is managing the individ-  
12 ual’s diabetic condition certifies that such examina-  
13 tions are needed under a comprehensive plan of care  
14 related to the individual’s diabetic condition; and”.

15 (b) WAIVER OF DEDUCTIBLE.—The first sentence of  
16 section 1833(b) (42 U.S.C. 1395l(b)), as amended by sec-  
17 tion 4101(b), is amended—

18 (1) by striking “and” before “(6)”, and

19 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the  
20 following: “, and (7) such deductible shall not apply  
21 with respect to screening retinal eye examinations  
22 (as described in clause (ii) of section  
23 1861(s)(2)(S))”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply to screening retinal eye examina-  
3 tions performed on or after February 1, 2000.

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