

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2369

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain biologicals used in treating lower extremity ulcers in patients with diabetes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 1999

Mr. NETHERCUTT (for himself and Mr. LaFALCE) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Diabetic
5 Foot Ulcer Care Improvement and Savings Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CERTAIN BIOLOGICALS**
2 **USED IN TREATING LOWER EXTREMITY UL-**
3 **CERS IN PATIENTS WITH DIABETES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
7 graph (S);

8 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
9 paragraph (T) and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (T) the fol-
11 lowing new subparagraph:

12 “(U) recombinant human growth factor
13 (which is approved by the Food and Drug Ad-
14 ministration) prescribed for use in the treat-
15 ment of a lower extremity neuropathic ulcer in
16 an individual with diabetes;”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 subsection (a) apply to items furnished on or after October
19 1, 1999.

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