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# H. R. 360

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare Program of insulin pumps as items of durable medical equipment.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. EWING (for himself, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. JENKINS, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. NADLER, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. COOK, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. FILNER, and Mr. CONDIT) 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

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare Program of insulin pumps as items of durable medical equipment.

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 Insulin Pump  
5 Coverage Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF INSULIN PUMPS UNDER MEDICARE.**

2 (a) INCLUSION AS ITEM OF DURABLE MEDICAL  
 3 EQUIPMENT.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Security Act  
 4 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended by inserting “and insu-  
 5 lin infusion pumps (as defined in subsection (uu)) pre-  
 6 scribed by the physician of an individual with type I diabe-  
 7 tes who is experiencing severe swings of high and low  
 8 blood glucose levels and has successfully completed a  
 9 training program that meets standards established by the  
 10 Secretary or who has used such a pump without interrup-  
 11 tion for at least 18 months immediately before enrollment  
 12 under part B” before the semicolon.

13 (b) DEFINITION OF INSULIN INFUSION PUMP.—Sec-  
 14 tion 1861 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended by  
 15 adding at the end the following new subsection:

16 “Insulin Infusion Pump

17 “(uu) The term ‘insulin infusion pump’ means an in-  
 18 fusion pump, approved by the Federal Food and Drug Ad-  
 19 ministration, that provides for the computerized delivery  
 20 of insulin for individuals with diabetes in lieu of multiple  
 21 daily manual insulin injections.”.

22 (c) PAYMENT FOR SUPPLIES RELATING TO INFUSION  
 23 PUMPS.—Section 1834(a)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
 24 1395m(a)(2)(A)) is amended—

25 (1) in clause (ii), by striking “or” at the end;

1           (2) in clause (iii), by inserting “or” at the end;

2           and

3           (3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following

4           new clause:

5                       “(iv) which is an accessory used in

6                       conjunction with an insulin infusion pump

7                       (as defined in section 1861(uu)),”.

8           (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 this section shall apply with respect to items of durable  
10 medical equipment furnished under title XVIII of the So-  
11 cial Security Act on or after the date of the enactment  
12 of this Act.

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