

106TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 4107

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of a program of coordinated lifestyle changes to reverse individuals at significant clinical risk for a heart attack under part B of the medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2000

Mr. RANGEL 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. COVERAGE OF LIFESTYLE CHANGES FOR INDIVIDUALS AT SIGNIFICANT RISK OF HEART**
2 **ATTACKS.**
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4 (a) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (S), by striking “and” at
7 the end;

8 (2) in subparagraph (T), by inserting “and” at
9 the end; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:
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12 “(U) services furnished under a coordinated
13 lifestyle change program (as defined in subsection
14 (uu)(1)) for certain individuals (described in subsection (uu)(2)) who are at a significant risk of a
15 heart attack;”.

17 (b) SERVICES DESCRIBED.—Section 1861 of such
18 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended by adding at the end
19 the following new subsection:

20 “Coordinated Lifestyle Change Program

21 “(uu)(1) The term ‘coordinated lifestyle exchange
22 program’ means a program of 1 year’s duration that—

23 “(A) is designed for individuals described in
24 paragraph (2);

25 “(B) consists of lifestyle changes, including a
26 very low-fat, low-cholesterol diet, stress management

1 techniques, moderate exercise, smoking cessation,
2 and psychosocial support, without the use of chole-
3 terol-lowering drugs;

4 “(C) has been validated to reverse disease in
5 the majority of patients, as measured by quan-
6 titative coronary arteriography in a scientific study
7 that is at least 5 years in duration and that used
8 randomly-assigned control and experimental groups;
9 and

10 “(D) is conducted by a medical facility that is
11 experienced in conducting such a scientifically vali-
12 dated program, or whose staff has been trained by
13 such a facility.

14 “(2) An individual described in this paragraph is an
15 individual—

16 “(A) whose physician has recommended
17 revascularization (in the form of angioplasty or coro-
18 nary artery bypass graft surgery) in the near future;
19 and

20 “(B) who has undergone at least one diagnostic
21 study which demonstrates clinically significant ven-
22 tricular myocardium at risk for infarction.”.

23 (c) PAYMENT.—Section 1833(a)(1) of such Act (42
24 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is amended—

25 (A) by striking “and” before “(S)”; and

1 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
2 the end the following: “, and (T) with respect
3 to services furnished under a coordinated life-
4 style change program (as defined in subsection
5 (uu)(1)), the amount paid shall be 80 percent
6 of the lesser of the actual charge for the serv-
7 ices or the amount determined to be reasonable
8 and related to the costs of furnishing such serv-
9 ices (taking into account the period of time dur-
10 ing which the services are furnished)”.

11 (d) PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS.—Section 1866(e)
12 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(e)) is amended—

13 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
14 (1);

15 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
16 graph (2) and inserting “; and”; and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

19 “(3) a medical facility described in section
20 1861(uu)(1)(D), but only with respect to the fur-
21 nishing of services under a coordinated lifestyle
22 change program (as defined in subsection (uu)(1)).”.

1 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section apply to services furnished on or after Janu-
3 ary 1, 2001.

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