

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. 1034

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment under the Medicare Program for pap smear laboratory tests.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 13, 1999

Mr. AKAKA (for himself, Ms. SNOWE, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Investment in Wom-  
5       en’s Health Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR PAP SMEAR**  
2 **LABORATORY TESTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(h) of the Social Se-  
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(h)) is amended by adding at  
5 the end the following:

6 “(7) In no case shall payment under the fee schedule  
7 established under paragraph (1) for the laboratory test  
8 component of a diagnostic or screening pap smear be less  
9 than \$14.60.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to laboratory tests  
12 furnished on or after January 1, 2000.

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