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S. 617

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 15, 1999

Ms. COLLINS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 Insulin Pump
5 Coverage Act of 1999”.

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

7 (a) INCLUSION AS ITEM OF DURABLE MEDICAL
8 EQUIPMENT.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Security Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended by inserting before the

1 semicolon the following: “, and includes insulin infusion
 2 pumps (as defined in subsection (uu)) prescribed by the
 3 physician of an individual with Type I diabetes who is ex-
 4 perienicing severe swings of high and low blood glucose lev-
 5 els and has successfully completed a training program that
 6 meets standards established by the Secretary or who has
 7 used such a pump without interruption for at least 18
 8 months immediately before enrollment under part B”.

9 (b) DEFINITION OF INSULIN INFUSION PUMP.—Sec-
 10 tion 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x)
 11 is amended by adding at the end the following:

12 “Insulin Infusion Pump

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

18 (c) PAYMENT FOR SUPPLIES RELATING TO INFUSION
 19 PUMPS.—Section 1834(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act
 20 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)(2)(A)) is amended—

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

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

23 and

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

1 “(iv) which is an accessory used in
2 conjunction with an insulin infusion pump
3 (as defined in section 1861(uu)),”.

4 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall apply with respect to items of durable
6 medical equipment furnished under title XVIII of the So-
7 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.) on or after the
8 date of enactment of this Act.

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