

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1720

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate cost-sharing under the Medicare Program for bone mass measurements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2001

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Improved Access to
5 Osteoporosis Testing Act of 2001”.

6 SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR BONE MASS

MEASUREMENTS.

8 (a) ELIMINATION OF COINSURANCE.—

4 (A) by inserting “other than bone mass
5 measurement described in section 1861(s)(15)”
6 after “(as defined in section 1848(j)(3))”; and

19 (b) WAIVER OF DEDUCTIBLE.—The first sentence of
20 section 1833(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 1395l(b)) is amended—

22 (1) by striking “and” before “(6)”; and

23 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
24 following: “, and (7) such deductible shall not apply

1 with respect to bone mass measurement (as defined
2 in section 1861(rr))".

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to items and services furnished on
5 or after January 1, 2002.

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