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S. 1761

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of cholesterol and blood lipid screening under the medicare program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 4, 2001

Mr. DORGAN (for himself, Mr. CAMPBELL, and Mr. BINGAMAN) 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 Cholesterol
5 Screening Coverage Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CHOLESTEROL AND**
7 **BLOOD LIPID SCREENING.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (s)(2)—

2 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
3 paragraph (U);

4 (B) by adding “and” at the end of sub-
5 paragraph (V); and

6 (C) by adding at the end the following new
7 subparagraph:

8 “(W) cholesterol and other blood lipid screening
9 tests (as defined in subsection (ww)(1));”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “Cholesterol and Other Blood Lipid Screening Test

13 “(ww)(1) The term ‘cholesterol and other blood lipid
14 screening test’ means diagnostic testing of cholesterol and
15 other lipid levels of the blood for the purpose of early de-
16 tection of abnormal cholesterol and other lipid levels.

17 “(2) The Secretary shall establish standards, in con-
18 sultation with appropriate organizations, regarding the
19 frequency and type of cholesterol and other blood lipid
20 screening tests for individuals who do not otherwise qual-
21 ify for coverage for cholesterol and other blood lipid test-
22 ing based on established clinical diagnoses.”.

23 (b) FREQUENCY.—Section 1862(a)(1) of such Act
24 (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
2 graph (H);

3 (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of sub-
4 paragraph (I) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 paragraph:

7 “(J) in the case of a cholesterol and other blood
8 lipid screening test (as defined in section
9 1861(ww)(1)), which is performed more frequently
10 than is covered under section 1861(ww)(2).”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to tests furnished on or after Janu-
13 ary 1, 2003.

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