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To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of certain self-administered intramuscular and subcutaneous drugs under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GREENWOOD (for himself, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. HOLT, Mr. FROST, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. OWENS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. LEACH, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. BISHOP of New York, and Mr. MORAN of Virginia) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. COVERAGE OF CERTAIN SELF-ADMINISTERED**
2 **INTRAMUSCULAR AND SUBCUTANEOUS**
3 **DRUGS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended —

6 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
7 graph (U);

8 (2) by inserting “and” at the end of subpara-
9 graph (V); and

10 (3) by adding at the end of the following new
11 subparagraph:

12 “(W) in the case of a disease where an
13 intramuscular biological therapy has approval of the
14 Federal Food and Drug Administration for patient
15 self-administration upon physician determination of
16 appropriateness and is covered under subparagraph
17 (A) or (B) of this paragraph, any intramuscular and
18 subcutaneous drug and biological with a similar ap-
19 proved use by such Administration (including the
20 same biological delivered by intramuscular injection
21 which is covered by either such subparagraph) with-
22 out regard to whether there is medical or other su-
23 pervision with respect to the administration of such
24 drug or biological;”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply to drugs furnished on or after
3 January 1, 2004.

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