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# H. R. 3481

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 7, 2003

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

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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 “Improved Access to  
5       Osteoporosis Testing Act of 2003”.

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

8       (a) ELIMINATION OF COINSURANCE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1)(N) of  
2           the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)(N))  
3           is amended—

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

7                   (B) by adding after the comma at the end  
8                   the following: “and in the case of such services  
9                   consisting of such a bone mass measurement,  
10                  the amounts paid shall be 100 percent of such  
11                  payment basis,”.

12           (2) ELIMINATION OF COINSURANCE IN OUT-  
13           PATIENT HOSPITAL SETTINGS.—The third sentence  
14           of section 1866(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act  
15           (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(2)(A)) is amended by insert-  
16           ing after “1861(s)(10)(A)” the following: “, with re-  
17           spect to bone mass measurement (as defined in sec-  
18           tion 1861(rr)),”.

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, 2004.

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