

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1345

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 30, 2005

Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. DEWINE) 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 “Improved Access to
5 Osteoporosis Testing Act of 2005”.

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, 2006.

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