

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 2464

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of federally recommended vaccines under Medicare part B.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 13, 2007

Mr. KENNEDY 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 Improvement
5 Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF IMMUNIZATIONS UNDER PART B OF**
7 **THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (10) of section
9 1861(s) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w(s))
10 is amended to read as follows:

1 “(10) federally recommended vaccines (as de-
 2 fined subsection (ccc)) and their respective adminis-
 3 tration;”.

4 (b) FEDERALLY RECOMMENDED VACCINES DE-
 5 FINED.—Such section is further amended by adding at the
 6 end the following new subsection:

7 “Federally Recommended Vaccines

8 “(ccc) The term ‘federally recommended vaccine’
 9 means—

10 “(1) with respect to an adult, an approved vac-
 11 cine recommended by the Advisory Committee on
 12 Immunization Practices (an advisory committee es-
 13 tablished by the Secretary, acting through the Direc-
 14 tor of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
 15 tion); and

16 “(2) with respect to a child, a vaccine on the
 17 list referred to in section 1928(e) of the Social Secu-
 18 rity Act.”.

19 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

20 (1) Section 1833 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l)
 21 is amended, in each of subsections (a)(2)(B),
 22 (a)(2)(G), (a)(3)(A), (b)(1), by striking
 23 “1861(s)(10)(A)” or “1861(s)(10)(B)” and insert-
 24 ing “1861(s)(10)” each place it appears.

1 (2) Section 1842(o)(1)(A)(iv) of such Act (42
2 U.S.C. 1395u(o)(1)(A)(iv)) is amended by striking
3 “subparagraph (A) or (B) of”.

4 (3) Section 1847A(c)(6) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1395w-3a(c)(6)) is amended by striking subpara-
6 graph (G).

7 (4) Section 1860D-2(e)(1) of such Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1395w-102(e)(1)) is amended by striking
9 “such term includes a vaccine” and all that follows
10 through “its administration) and”.

11 (5) Section 1861(ww)(2)(A) of such Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1395w(ww)(2)(A))) is amended by striking
13 “and hepatitis B” and inserting “hepatitis B, and
14 any other adult vaccine”.

15 (6) Section 1866(a)(2)(A) of such Act (42
16 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(2)(A)) is amended by striking
17 “1861(s)(10)(A)” and inserting “1861(s)(10)”.

18 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply to vaccines administered on or
20 after January 1, 2008.

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