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H. R. 1038

To amend part B of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for the shingles vaccine under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2009

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. McDERMOTT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. TAYLOR) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Shingles Prevention
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF THE SHINGLES VACCINE UNDER THE**
2 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

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

5 (1) in subsection (s)(10)(A), by striking “pneu-
6 mococcal vaccine and its administration and,” and
7 inserting “pneumococcal vaccine and its administra-
8 tion, shingles vaccine and its administration, and”;
9 and

10 (2) in subsection (ww)(2)(A), by inserting
11 “shingles,” after “influenza,”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply to shingles vaccine furnished on
14 or after January 1 of the first year beginning more than
15 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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