

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1718

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat amounts paid for umbilical cord blood banking services as medical care expenses.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2009

Mr. KIND (for himself, Mr. HERGER, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. THOMPSON of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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. AMOUNTS PAID FOR UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD**
4 **BANKING SERVICES TREATED AS MEDICAL**
5 **CARE EXPENSES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 213(d)
7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (defining medical
8 care) is amended by striking “or” at the end of subpara-
9 graph (C), by striking the period at the end of subpara-

1 graph (D) and inserting “, or”, and by inserting after sub-
2 paragraph (D) the following new subparagraph:

3 “(E) for private umbilical cord blood bank-
4 ing services provided by any accredited umbil-
5 ical cord blood bank which is in compliance
6 with the regulations under section 361 of the
7 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 264).”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
9 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
10 December 31, 2009.

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