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# H. R. 2291

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate coinsurance for screening mammography and colorectal cancer screening tests in order to promote the early detection of cancer.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of California (for himself and Mr. REICHERT) 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 “Medicare Early Detec-  
5 tion of Cancer Promotion Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF THE 20 PERCENT COINSURANCE**  
 2 **FOR SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY AND**  
 3 **COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING TESTS.**

4 (a) SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1)(B) of the  
 6 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)(B)) is  
 7 amended—

8 (A) by inserting “and with respect to  
 9 screening mammography (as defined in section  
 10 1861(jj))” after “section 1861(s)(10)(A)”; and

11 (B) by striking “100 percent of the reason-  
 12 able charge for such items and services” and in-  
 13 serting “100 percent of the fee schedule or  
 14 other basis of payment under this title for the  
 15 vaccine and its administration or for the screen-  
 16 ing mammography”.

17 (2) APPLICATION TO OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL  
 18 SETTINGS.—The third sentence of section  
 19 1866(a)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
 20 1395cc(a)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting after  
 21 “1861(s)(10)(A)” the following: “, with respect to  
 22 screening mammography,”.

23 (b) COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING TESTS.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(d) of such Act  
 25 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(d)) is amended—

26 (A) in paragraph (2)(C)—

1 (i) by striking “FACILITY PAYMENT  
 2 LIMIT” and all that follows through “Not-  
 3 withstanding subsections” and inserting  
 4 “FACILITY PAYMENT LIMIT.—Notwith-  
 5 standing subsections”;

6 (ii) by striking “(I) in accordance”  
 7 and inserting “(i) in accordance”;

8 (iii) by striking “(II) are performed”  
 9 and inserting “(ii) are performed”; and

10 (iv) by striking clause (ii); and

11 (B) in paragraph (3)(C)—

12 (i) by striking “FACILITY PAYMENT  
 13 LIMIT” and all that follows through “Not-  
 14 withstanding subsections” and inserting  
 15 “FACILITY PAYMENT LIMIT.—Notwith-  
 16 standing subsections”; and

17 (ii) by striking clause (ii).

18 (2) APPLICATION TO OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL  
 19 SETTINGS.—(A) Section 1833(t)(1)(B)(iv) of such  
 20 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(1)(B)(iv)) is amended by  
 21 inserting “and does not include colorectal cancer  
 22 screening tests” after “diagnostic mammography”.

23 (B) The third sentence of section 1866(a)(2)(A)  
 24 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(2)(A)), as amend-  
 25 ed by subsection (a)(2), is amended by inserting

1 “and colorectal cancer screening tests” after  
2 “screening mammography”.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
4 this section shall apply to screening mammography and  
5 colorectal cancer screening tests performed on or after  
6 January 1, 2010.

