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H. R. 5593

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for timely access to post-mastectomy items under Medicare.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 24, 2010

Ms. SUTTON (for herself, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, and Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas) 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. TIMELY ACCESS TO POST-MASTECTOMY ITEMS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(h)(1) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m) is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subparagraph (H) as sub-
7 paragraph (I); and

1 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (G) the fol-
2 lowing new subparagraph:

3 “(H) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULE FOR POST-
4 MASTECTOMY EXTERNAL BREAST PROSTHESIS
5 GARMENTS.—Payment for post-mastectomy ex-
6 ternal breast prosthesis garments shall be made
7 regardless of whether such items are supplied to
8 the beneficiary prior to or after the mastectomy
9 procedure or other breast cancer surgical proce-
10 dure. The Secretary shall develop policies to en-
11 sure appropriate beneficiary access and utiliza-
12 tion safeguards for such items supplied to a
13 beneficiary prior to the mastectomy or other
14 breast cancer surgical procedure.”

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 subsection (a) shall take effect as of the date of the enact-
17 ment of this Act.

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