

114TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3339

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect coverage for screening mammography.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2015

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina (for herself, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Mrs. BLACKBURN) 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 “Protecting Access to  
5       Lifesaving Screenings Act (PALS Act)”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING COVERAGE FOR SCREENING MAM-**  
2 **MOGRAPHY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective during the period begin-  
4 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending  
5 January 1, 2018, any provision of law that refers (includ-  
6 ing through cross-reference to another provision of law)  
7 to the current recommendations of the United States Pre-  
8 ventive Services Task Force with respect to breast cancer  
9 screening, mammography, and prevention shall be admin-  
10 istered by the Secretary involved as if—

11 (1) such reference to such current recommenda-  
12 tions were a reference to the recommendations of  
13 such Task Force with respect to breast cancer  
14 screening, mammography, and prevention last issued  
15 before 2009; and

16 (2) such recommendations last issued before  
17 2009 applied to any screening mammography modal-  
18 ity under section 1861(jj) of the Social Security Act  
19 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jj)).

20 (b) CONTINUING MEDICARE COVERAGE WITHOUT  
21 COINSURANCE.—Section 1833(a)(1)(Y) of the Social Se-  
22 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)(Y)) is amended by in-  
23 serting after “in the case of such services described in sub-  
24 paragraph (A)” the following: “(other than screening  
25 mammography)”.

1       (c) MAINTAINING FREQUENCY OF MEDICARE COV-  
2 ERAGE.—Section 1834(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the Social Security  
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(2)(B)(ii)) is amended by insert-  
4 ing before the period at the end the following: “, except  
5 that in the case of a woman over 39 years of age, such  
6 revision may not decrease such frequency”.

7       (d) CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF “SCREENING  
8 MAMMOGRAPHY”.—Section 1861(jj) of the Social Security  
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jj)) is amended by inserting “, in-  
10 cluding any digital modality of such a procedure,” after  
11 “radiologic procedure”.

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