

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6222

To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to provide for coverage of items, services, and immunizations relating to the diagnosis or treatment of COVID-19 under group health plans and health insurance coverage within 15 days of the issuance of a recommendation from the United States Preventive Services Task Force or the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2020

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself and Mr. BUCSHON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring Affordable
3 COVID-19 Preventive Care Act of 2020”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING FOR COVERAGE OF ITEMS, SERVICES,**
5 **AND IMMUNIZATIONS RELATING TO THE DI-**
6 **AGNOSIS OR TREATMENT OF COVID-19**
7 **UNDER GROUP HEALTH PLANS AND HEALTH**
8 **INSURANCE COVERAGE WITHIN 15 DAYS OF**
9 **THE ISSUANCE OF A RECOMMENDATION**
10 **FROM THE UNITED STATES PREVENTIVE**
11 **SERVICES TASK FORCE OR THE ADVISORY**
12 **COMMITTEE ON IMMUNIZATION PRACTICES.**

13 Section 2713(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
14 U.S.C. 300gg–13(b)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “The Sec-
16 retary” and inserting “Subject to paragraph (3), the
17 Secretary”; and

18 (2) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraph:

20 “(3) SPECIAL RULE FOR COVID-19 ITEMS, SERV-
21 ICES, AND IMMUNIZATIONS.—In the case of an item
22 or service that receives a rating described in sub-
23 section (a)(1), or an immunization that receives a
24 recommendation described in subsection (a)(2), that
25 is intended to prevent, diagnose, or treat COVID-19,
26 the requirement described in subsection (a) shall

1 apply to a group health plan and a health insurance
2 issuer offering group or individual health insurance
3 coverage with respect to such item, service, or immu-
4 nization 15 days after the issuance of such rating or
5 recommendation (as applicable).”.

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