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S. 3238

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of preventive home visits under Medicare, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KING introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Preventive Home Visit
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF PREVENTIVE HOME VIS-**
7 **ITS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (s)(2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (GG), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (HH), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(II) a preventive home visit as defined in sub-
8 section (kkk).”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 section:

11 “Preventive Home Visit

12 “(kkk) The term ‘preventive home visit’ means a visit
13 to the home of an individual by a qualified professional
14 (as defined by the Secretary), not more frequently than
15 once every two years, during which the qualified profes-
16 sional provides an assessment of the home environment
17 of the individual, identifies health risks, and provides a
18 referral, as appropriate, for interventions or home modi-
19 fications to improve physical activity, fall prevention, and
20 nutrition with respect to the individual.”.

21 (b) PAYMENT.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the
23 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is
24 amended—

1 (A) by striking “and (CC)” and inserting
 2 “(CC)”; and

3 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
 4 the end the following: “and (DD) with respect
 5 to a home visit as defined in section 1861(kkk),
 6 the amount paid shall be equal to 100 percent
 7 of the lesser of the actual charge for the service
 8 or the amount determined under section
 9 1834(x)”.

10 (2) PAYMENT DETERMINATION.—Section 1834
 11 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m) is
 12 amended by adding at the end the following new
 13 subparagraph:

14 “(x) PREVENTIVE HOME VISITS.—The Secretary
 15 shall establish a bundled payment amount for a preventive
 16 home visit, including any referrals made in connection
 17 with the visit.”.

18 (c) FREQUENCY LIMITATION.—Section 1862(a)(1) of
 19 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(1)) is amend-
 20 ed—

21 (1) in subsection (O), by striking “and” at the
 22 end;

23 (2) in subsection (P), by striking the semicolon
 24 and inserting “, and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 paragraph:

3 “(Q) in the case of a preventive home visit as
4 defined in section 1861(kkk), which is provided more
5 frequently than is covered under such section.”.

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