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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of bone mass measurements for certain individuals under part B of the medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

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 Bone Mass
5 Measurement Coverage Act of 1993”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF BONE MASS MEASURE-**
7 **MENTS.**

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

1 (1) in subsection (s)—

2 (A) in paragraph (12)(C), by striking
3 “and” at the end,

4 (B) by striking the period at the end of
5 paragraph (14) and inserting “; and”,

6 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (15) and
7 (16) as paragraphs (16) and (17), and

8 (D) by inserting after paragraph (14) the
9 following new paragraph:

10 “(15) bone mass measurement (as defined in
11 subsection (oo));”; and

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (nn) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection:

14 “Bone Mass Measurement

15 “(oo)(1) The term ‘bone mass measurement’ means
16 a radiologic or radioisotopic procedure performed on a
17 qualified individual (as defined in paragraph (2)) for the
18 purpose of detecting bone loss through the use of single
19 and dual photon absorptiometry, dual energy X-ray
20 absorptiometry or similar dual energy techniques, or quan-
21 titative computed tomography, and includes a physician’s
22 interpretation of the results of the procedure.

23 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘quali-
24 fied individual’ means (in accordance with regulations pre-
25 scribed by the Secretary)—

1 “(A) an estrogen-deficient woman at clinical
2 risk for osteoporosis;

3 “(B) an individual with vertebral abnormalities;

4 “(C) an individual receiving long-term
5 glucocorticoid steroid therapy; or

6 “(D) an individual with primary
7 hyperparathyroidism.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Social Secu-
9 rity Act is amended by striking “paragraphs (15) and
10 (16)” each place it appears in sections 1864(a), 1865(a),
11 1902(a)(9)(C), and 1915(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I) and inserting
12 “paragraphs (16) and (17)”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to bone mass measurements per-
15 formed on or after January 1, 1994.

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