

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1074

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for uniform coverage under part B of the medicare program of blood-testing strips for individuals with diabetes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 1995

Ms. FURSE (for herself, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mr. NETHERCUTT, and Mr. LIPINSKI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF BLOOD-TESTING**  
4 **STRIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DIABETES.**

5 (a) INCLUDING STRIPS AS DURABLE MEDICAL  
6 EQUIPMENT.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Security Act

1 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended by striking the semi-  
2 colon in the first sentence and inserting the following: “,  
3 and includes blood-testing strips for individuals with dia-  
4 betes without regard to whether the individual has Type  
5 I or Type II diabetes (as determined under standards es-  
6 tablished by the Secretary in consultation with the Amer-  
7 ican Diabetes Association);”.

8 (b) PAYMENT FOR STRIPS BASED ON METHODOLOGY  
9 FOR INEXPENSIVE AND ROUTINELY PURCHASED EQUIP-  
10 MENT.—Section 1834(a)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
11 1395m(a)(2)(A)) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (ii);

13 (2) by adding “or” at the end of clause (iii);

14 and

15 (3) by inserting after clause (iii) the following  
16 new clause:

17 “(iv) which is a blood-testing strip for  
18 an individual with diabetes,”.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
20 this section shall apply to blood-testing strips furnished  
21 on or after January 1, 1996.

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