

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 417

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide annual screening mammography and waive deductibles and coinsurance for screening mammography under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 1997

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut (for herself and Mrs. MORELLA) 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

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 Mammog-
5 raphy Enhancement Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANDING SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY UNDER**
2 **THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) PROVIDING ANNUAL SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY
4 FOR WOMEN OVER AGE 49.—Section 1834(c)(2)(A) of
5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(2)(A)) is
6 amended—

7 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “but under 65
8 years of age,” and

9 (2) by striking clause (v).

10 (b) WAIVER OF DEDUCTIBLE.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—The first sentence of section
12 1833(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(b)) is amend-
13 ed—

14 (A) by striking “and (4)” and inserting
15 “(4)”, and

16 (B) by striking the period at the end and
17 inserting the following: “, and (5) such deduct-
18 ible shall not apply with respect to screening
19 mammography (as described in section
20 1861(jj)).”.

21 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
22 1834(c)(1)(C) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1395m(c)(1)(C)) is amended by striking “, subject
24 to the deductible established under section
25 1833(b).”.

26 (c) WAIVER OF COINSURANCE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(c)(1)(C) of
2 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(1)(C)) is amended by
3 striking “80 percent of”.

4 (2) WAIVER OF COINSURANCE IN OUTPATIENT
5 HOSPITAL SETTINGS.—The third sentence of section
6 1866(a)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1395cc(a)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting after
8 “1861(s)(10)(A)” the following: “, with respect to
9 screening mammography (as defined in section
10 1861(jj)),”.

11 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to screening mammography per-
13 formed on or after January 1, 1998.

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