

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2957

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve coverage of drugs and biologicals under part B of the medicare program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 27, 2000

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

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Self-Adminis-  
5 tered Medications Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF COVERAGE OF DRUGS AND**  
7 **BIOLOGICALS UNDER PART B OF THE MEDI-**  
8 **CARE PROGRAM.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social  
10 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended, in each

1 of subparagraphs (A) and (B), by striking “(including  
2 drugs and biologicals which cannot, as determined in ac-  
3 cordance with regulations, be self-administered)” and in-  
4 serting “(including drugs and biologicals for which the  
5 usual method of administration of the form of drug or bio-  
6 logical is not patient self-administration or, in the case  
7 of injectable drugs and biologicals, for which the physician  
8 determines that self-administration is not medically appro-  
9 priate)”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
11 subsection (a) shall apply to drugs and biologicals admin-  
12 istered on or after October 1, 2000.

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