

105TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 418

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of an annual screening mammography under part B of the Medicare program for women age 65 or older.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 9, 1997

Mrs. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Mr. ENSIGN) 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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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 “Breast Cancer Early
5 Detection Act of 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Breast cancer is the most common form of
2 cancer in women in the United States.

3 (2) Breast cancer is the second leading cause of
4 death by cancer in women.

5 (3) An estimated 180,200 new invasive cases of
6 breast cancer in the United States are expected dur-
7 ing 1997.

8 (4) An estimated 44,190 individuals are ex-
9 pected to die of breast cancer during 1997, of whom
10 43,900 will be women.

11 (5) There is no cure for breast cancer.

12 (6) Early detection is the key to survival of this
13 devastating disease.

14 (7) Mammography is recognized as a valuable
15 diagnostic technique for the detection of breast can-
16 cer.

17 (8) The American Cancer Society, the National
18 Cancer Institute, and the American Medical Associa-
19 tion recommend an annual mammogram for women
20 over age 50.

1 **SEC. 3. COVERAGE OF ANNUAL SCREENING MAMMOG-**
2 **RAPHY UNDER MEDICARE FOR WOMEN AGE**
3 **65 OR OLDER.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1834(c)(2)(A) of the So-
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(2)(A)) is amend-
6 ed—

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

9 (2) by striking clause (v).

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply to screening mammography per-
12 formed on or after January 1, 1998.

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