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H. R. 5172

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure access to digital mammography through adequate payment under the Medicare system.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

Mr. SHAW (for himself and Mr. KLECZKA) 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 Access to
5 Digital Mammography Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE ACCESS TO DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY**
2 **THROUGH ADEQUATE PAYMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(c)(3) of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(3)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

6 (A) in the heading, by striking “\$55, IN-
7 DEXED” and inserting “IN GENERAL”;

8 (B) in clause (i), by striking “(i) for
9 screening mammography” and inserting “(i)(I)
10 for nondigital screening mammography”; and

11 (C) by adding at the end of clause (i) the
12 following new subclause:

13 “(II) for digital screening mammog-
14 raphy performed in 2001, is \$155 (com-
15 prised of \$130 for the technical component
16 and \$25 for the professional component),
17 and”; and

18 (2) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as
19 follows:

20 “(B) ADJUSTMENT OF LIMIT.—At least
21 annually, the Secretary shall review and solicit
22 public comment on the appropriateness of the
23 amount of the applicable limit established under
24 this paragraph (including the technical and pro-
25 fessional components of such limit) and shall
26 adjust accordingly the amount of such limit

1 (and its components) as it applies nationally or
2 in any area to the amount that the Secretary
3 estimates is required—

4 “(i) to assure that screening mam-
5 mography of an appropriate quality is
6 readily and conveniently available;

7 “(ii) to assure access to advancing or
8 enhanced mammography technologies; and

9 “(iii) to reflect changes in produc-
10 tivity, training requirements for physicians
11 and other personnel, equipment require-
12 ments, and other factors resulting from
13 such advancements or enhancements.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1834(c)
15 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1) in the matter preceding
17 subparagraph (B), by inserting “, including digital
18 screening mammography” after “1861(jj)”;

19 (2) in paragraphs (1)(C)(iii) and (3)(A)(ii), by
20 inserting “applicable” before “limit”; and

21 (3) in paragraph (3)(C), by inserting “for non-
22 digital screening mammography” before “estab-
23 lished”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section apply to digital screening mammography per-

1 formed on or after January 1, 2001, without regard to
2 whether regulations to carry out such amendments are
3 promulgated by such date.

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