

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 976

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase the amount of payment under the Medicare Program for pap smear laboratory tests.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 4, 1999

Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself and Mrs. BONO) 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 “Investment in Wom-
5 en’s Health Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN PAYMENT AMOUNT FOR PAP SMEAR**
2 **LABORATORY TESTS.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1833(h) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(h)) is amended by adding at
5 the end the following new paragraph:

6 “(7) In no case shall payment under the fee schedule
7 established under paragraph (1) for the laboratory test
8 component of a diagnostic or screening pap smear be less
9 than \$14.60.”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to laboratory tests
12 furnished on or after January 1, 2000.

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