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H. R. 3278

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of cholesterol and blood lipid screening under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 13, 2001

Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. STARK, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. BONIOR, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. GORDON, Mr. SHIMKUS, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. RUSH, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. TOWNS, Mrs. JONES of Ohio, and Mr. EHLERS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 Cholesterol
5 Screening Coverage Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CHOLESTEROL AND**
2 **BLOOD LIPID SCREENING.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (s)(2)—

6 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
7 paragraph (U);

8 (B) by adding “and” at the end of sub-
9 paragraph (V); and

10 (C) by adding at the end the following new
11 subparagraph:

12 “(W) cholesterol and other blood lipid screening
13 tests (as defined in subsection (ww)(1));” and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 section:

16 “Cholesterol and Other Blood Lipid Screening Test

17 “(ww)(1) The term ‘cholesterol and other blood lipid
18 screening test’ means diagnostic testing of cholesterol and
19 other lipid levels of the blood for the purpose of early de-
20 tection of abnormal cholesterol and other lipid levels.

21 “(2) The Secretary shall establish standards, in con-
22 sultation with appropriate organizations, regarding the
23 frequency and type of cholesterol and other blood lipid
24 screening tests for individuals who do not otherwise qual-
25 ify for coverage for cholesterol and other blood lipid test-
26 ing based on established clinical diagnoses.”.

1 (b) FREQUENCY.—Section 1862(a)(1) of such Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(1)) is amended

3 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
4 graph (H);

5 (2) by striking the semicolon at the end of sub-
6 paragraph (I) and inserting “; and”; and

7 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 paragraph:

9 “(J) in the case of a cholesterol and other blood
10 lipid screening test (as defined in section
11 1861(ww)(1)), which is performed more frequently
12 than is covered under section 1861(ww)(2).”.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to tests furnished on or after Janu-
15 ary 1, 2002.

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