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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Research Review Act
3 of 2004”.

4 **SEC. 2. MULTI-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH TEAM AND CON-**
5 **SORTIA REPORT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
7 Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-
8 retary”), in coordination with the Director of the National
9 Institutes of Health, shall prepare a report outlining the
10 methods by which the Roadmap for Medical Research, an
11 initiative of such Institutes, has advanced the use of multi-
12 disciplinary research teams and consortia of research in-
13 stitutions to advance treatments, develop new therapies,
14 and collaborate on clinical trials, including with respect
15 to spinal cord injury and paralysis research.

16 (b) REPORT.—Not later than February 1, 2005, the
17 Secretary shall submit the report under subsection (a) to
18 the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House
19 of Representatives and to the Committee on Health, Edu-
20 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

21 **SEC. 3. EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY REPORT.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the
23 Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-
24 tion, shall prepare a report outlining the epidemiological
25 studies currently under way at such Centers, future
26 planned studies, the criteria involved in determining what

1 epidemiological studies to conduct, defer, or suspend, and
2 the scope of those studies, including with respect to the
3 inflammatory bowel disease epidemiological study. The re-
4 port shall include a description of the activities the Cen-
5 ters for Disease Control and Prevention undertakes to es-
6 tablish partnerships with research and patient advocacy
7 communities to expand epidemiological studies.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than May 1, 2005, the Sec-
9 retary shall submit the report under subsection (a) to the
10 Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of
11 Representatives and to the Committee on Health, Edu-
12 cation, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

13 **SEC. 4. STUDY BY GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**
14 **ON MEDICARE AND MEDICAID COVERAGE**
15 **STANDARDS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
17 United States shall conduct a study on the coverage stand-
18 ards that, under the programs under titles XVIII and XIX
19 of the Social Security Act (commonly known as Medicare
20 and Medicaid, respectively), apply to patients with inflam-
21 matory bowel disease for the following therapies:

- 22 (1) Parenteral nutrition.
- 23 (2) Enteral nutrition formula.
- 24 (3) Medically necessary food products.
- 25 (4) Ostomy supplies.

1 (5) Therapies approved by the Food and Drug
2 Administration for Crohn’s disease and ulcerative
3 colitis.

4 (b) CONTENT.—The study under subsection (a) shall
5 take into account the appropriate outpatient or home
6 health care delivery settings.

7 (c) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General
9 shall submit to the Congress a report describing the find-
10 ings of the study under subsection (a).

11 **SEC. 5. STUDY BY GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE**
12 **INVOLVING DISABILITY INSURANCE.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of the
14 United States shall conduct a study of the problems pa-
15 tients encounter when applying for disability insurance
16 benefits under title II of the Social Security Act. The
17 study shall include recommendations for improving the ap-
18 plication process for patients with inflammatory bowel dis-
19 ease.

20 (b) REPORT.—Not later than six months after the
21 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General

1 shall submit to the Congress a report describing the find-
2 ings of the study under subsection (a).

Passed the House of Representatives October 7,
2004.

Attest:

Clerk.