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H. R. 721

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

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAMP (for himself, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. McGOVERN, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. FROST, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) 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 2003”.

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

3 (a) **COVERAGE.**—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (U), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (V)(iii), by inserting “and”
8 at the end; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraph:

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

13 (b) **SERVICES DESCRIBED.**—Section 1861 of such
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended by adding at the end
15 the following new subsection:

16 “Cholesterol and Other Blood Lipid Screening Tests

17 “(ww)(1) The term ‘cholesterol and other blood lipid
18 screening tests’ means diagnostic testing of cholesterol
19 and other lipid levels of the blood for the purpose of early
20 detection 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 cardiovascular screening tests, ex-
24 cept that such frequency may not be more often than once
25 every 2 years.”.

1 (c) 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 tests (as defined in section
11 1861(ww)(1)), which is performed more frequently
12 than is covered under section 1861(ww)(2).”.

13 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to tests furnished on or after Janu-
15 ary 1, 2004.

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