110TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

### H. R. 1237

#### AN ACT

- To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.
  - 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 "Cytology Proficiency
3	Improvement Act of 2008".
4	SEC. 2. REVISED STANDARDS FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN
5	SCREENING AND EVALUATION OF
6	GYNECOLOGIC CYTOLOGY PREPARATIONS.
7	(a) In General.—Section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the
8	Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a(f)(4)(B)(iv))
9	is amended to read as follows:
10	"(iv) requirements that each clinical
11	laboratory—
12	"(I) ensure that all individuals
13	involved in screening and interpreting
14	cytological preparations at the labora-
15	tory participate annually in a con-
16	tinuing medical education program in
17	gynecologic cytology that—
18	"(aa) is approved by the Ac-
19	crediting Council for Continuing
20	Medical Education or the Amer-
21	ican Academy of Continuing
22	Medical Education; and
23	"(bb) provides each indi-
24	vidual participating in the pro-
25	gram with gynecologic cytological
26	preparations (in the form of ref-

1	erenced glass slides or equivalent
2	technologies) designed to improve
3	the locator, recognition, and in-
4	terpretive skills of the individual;
5	"(II) maintain a record of the cy-
6	tology continuing medical education
7	program results for each individual in-
8	volved in screening and interpreting
9	cytological preparations at the labora-
10	tory;
11	"(III) provide that the laboratory
12	director shall take into account such
13	results and other performance metrics
14	in reviewing the performance of indi-
15	viduals involved in screening and in-
16	terpreting cytological preparations at
17	the laboratory and, when necessary,
18	identify needs for remedial training or
19	a corrective action plan to improve
20	skills; and
21	"(IV) submit the continuing edu-
22	cation program results for each indi-
23	vidual and, if appropriate, plans for
24	corrective action or remedial training
25	in a timely manner to the laboratory's

accrediting organization for purposes
of review and on-going monitoring by
the accrediting organization, including
reviews of the continuing medical education program results during on-site
inspections of the laboratory.".

- 7 (b) Effective Date and Implementation; Ter-8 mination of Current Program of Individual Pro-9 ficiency Testing.—
- 10 (1) Effective date and implementation.— 11 Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amend-12 ment made by subsection (a) applies to gynecologic 13 cytology services provided on or after the first day 14 of the first calendar year beginning 1 year or more 15 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and the 16 Secretary of Health and Human Services (hereafter 17 in this subsection referred to as the "Secretary") 18 shall issue final regulations implementing such 19 amendment not later than 270 days after such date 20 of enactment.
  - (2) TERMINATION OF CURRENT INDIVIDUAL TESTING PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall terminate the individual proficiency testing program established pursuant to section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the Public Health Service

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- 1 Act (42 U.S.C. 263a(f)(4)(B)(iv)), as in effect on
- 2 the day before the date of the enactment of sub-
- 3 section (a), at the end of the calendar year which in-
- 4 cludes the date of enactment of the amendment
- 5 made by subsection (a).

Passed the House of Representatives April 8, 2008.

Attest:

Clerk.

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