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To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the five-month waiting period for disability insurance benefits under such title and waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare eligibility for individuals with Huntington's disease.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2021

Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. KINZINGER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. HILL, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. SIRES, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mr. KILMER, Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. GRIJALVA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Huntington’s Disease
3 Disability Insurance Access Act of 2021”.

4 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR SOCIAL SE-**
5 **CURITY DISABILITY INSURANCE BENEFITS**
6 **FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HUNTINGTON’S DIS-**
7 **EASE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(a)(1) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 423(a)(1)) is amended, in the
10 matter following subparagraph (E), by inserting “or Hun-
11 tington’s disease” after “amyotrophic lateral sclerosis”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to applications for
14 disability insurance benefits filed after the date of the en-
15 actment of this Act.

16 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF 24-MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR COV-**
17 **ERAGE UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM**
18 **FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HUNTINGTON’S DIS-**
19 **EASE.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 226(h) of the Social Secu-
21 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 426(h)) is amended, in the matter pre-
22 ceding paragraph (1), by inserting “or Huntington’s dis-
23 ease (HD)” after “amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS)”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
25 subsection (a) shall apply to benefits under title XVIII of
26 the Social Security Act with respect to items and services

1 furnished in months beginning after the date of the enact-
2 ment of this Act.

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