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H. R. 3203

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 1993

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce

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 “Women’s Health Serv-
5 ices Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MEDICARE COVERAGE OF WOMEN'S**
2 **HEALTH SERVICES.**

3 (a) ANNUAL SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY FOR
4 WOMEN OVER AGE 64.—Section 1834(c)(2)(A) of the So-
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(b)(2)(A)) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in clause (iv), by striking “but under 65
8 years of age,”; and

9 (2) by striking clause (v).

10 (b) BONE MASS MEASUREMENTS.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social
12 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

13 (A) in subsection (s)—

14 (i) in paragraph (12)(C), by striking
15 “and” at the end,

16 (ii) by striking the period at the end
17 of paragraph (14) and inserting “; and”,

18 (iii) by redesignating paragraphs (15)
19 and (16) as paragraphs (16) and (17), and

20 (iv) by inserting after paragraph (14)
21 the following new paragraph:

22 “(15) bone mass measurement (as defined in
23 subsection (ll));”; and

24 (B) by inserting after subsection (kk) the
25 following new subsection:

1 “Bone Mass Measurement

2 “(l)(1) The term ‘bone mass measurement’ means a
3 radiologic or radioisotopic procedure performed on a quali-
4 fied individual (as defined in paragraph (2) for the pur-
5 pose of detecting bone loss through the use of single and
6 dual photon absorptiometry, dual energy X-ray
7 absorptiometry or similar dual energy techniques, or quan-
8 titative computed tomography, and includes a physician’s
9 interpretation of the results of the procedure.

10 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘quali-
11 fied individual’ means (in accordance with regulations pre-
12 scribed by the Secretary)—

13 “(A) an estrogen-deficient woman at clinical
14 risk for osteoporosis;

15 “(B) an individual with vertebral abnormalities;

16 “(C) an individual receiving long-term
17 glucocorticoid steroid therapy; or

18 “(D) an individual with primary
19 hyperparathyroidism.”.

20 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—The Social
21 Security Act is amended by striking “paragraphs
22 (15) and (16)” each place it appears in sections
23 1864(a), 1865(a), 1902(a)(9)(C), and
24 1915(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I) and inserting “paragraphs (16)
25 and (17)”.

1 (c) PERMANENT COVERAGE OF COVERED
2 OSTEOPOROSIS DRUG.—Section 1861(s)(2)(O) of the So-
3 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)(O)) is amended
4 by striking “, and on or before December 31, 1995”.

5 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6 The amendments made by section 2 shall apply to
7 items and services furnished on or after January 1, 1994.

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