

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2489

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare Program of certain additional oral anticancer drugs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 17, 1995

Mrs. VUCANOVICH introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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

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## 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. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CERTAIN ADDI-**  
4 **TIONAL ORAL ANTICANCER DRUGS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-  
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (s)(2)(Q)—

8 (A) by inserting “(i)” after “(Q)”, and

1 (B) by adding at the end the following:

2 “and

3 “(ii) an oral drug (which is approved by the  
4 Federal Food and Drug Administration) prescribed  
5 for use as an anticancer nonsteroidal antiestrogen  
6 and aromatase inhibitor agent for a given indica-  
7 tion;”; and

8 (2) in subsection (t), by inserting “or used in  
9 an anticancer nonsteroidal antiestrogen and  
10 aromatase inhibitor regimen” after “regimen”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
12 1834(j)(5)(F)(iv) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
13 1395m(j)(5)(F)(iv)) is amended by striking “therapeutic”.

14 EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this  
15 section shall apply to drugs furnished on or after the first  
16 day of the first month that begins more than 60 days after  
17 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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