

104TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 778

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of an annual screening mammography under part B of the medicare program for women age 65 or older.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 1995

Mrs. VUCANOVICH (for herself and Mr. ENSIGN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on 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 “Equal Access to An-
5 nual Screening Mammography Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Breast cancer is the second leading cause of
2 death by cancer in women.

3 (2) An estimated 182,000 new invasive cases of
4 breast cancer in the United States are expected dur-
5 ing 1995.

6 (3) An estimated 46,240 individuals are ex-
7 pected to die of breast cancer during 1995, of whom
8 46,000 will be women.

9 (4) There is no cure for breast cancer.

10 (5) Early detection is the key to survival of this
11 devastating disease.

12 (6) Mammography is recognized as a valuable
13 diagnostic technique for the detection of breast
14 cancer.

15 (7) The American Cancer Society and the Na-
16 tional Cancer Institute recommend an annual mam-
17 mogram for women over age 50.

18 **SEC. 3. COVERAGE OF ANNUAL SCREENING MAMMOG-**
19 **RAPHY UNDER MEDICARE FOR WOMEN AGE**
20 **65 OR OLDER.**

21 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(c)(2)(A) of the So-
22 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(2)(A)) is amend-
23 ed—

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

1 (2) by striking clause (v).

2 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
3 subsection (a) shall apply to screening mammography per-
4 formed on or after January 1, 1996.

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