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1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# S. 1118

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of bone mass measurements for certain individuals under part B of the medicare program.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3 (legislative day, JULY 10), 1995

Ms. SNOWE (for herself and Mr. GLENN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Bone Mass  
5 Measurement Standardization Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF BONE MASS MEASURE-**  
7 **MENTS.**

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

1 (1) in subsection (s)—

2 (A) in paragraph (12)(C), by striking  
3 “and” at the end,

4 (B) by striking the period at the end of  
5 paragraph (14) and inserting “; and”,

6 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (15) and  
7 (16) as paragraphs (16) and (17), respectively,  
8 and

9 (D) by inserting after paragraph (14) the  
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(15) bone mass measurement (as defined in  
12 subsection (oo)).”; and

13 (2) by inserting after subsection (nn) the fol-  
14 lowing new subsection:

15 “Bone Mass Measurement

16 “(oo)(1) The term ‘bone mass measurement’ means  
17 a radiologic or radioisotopic procedure or other scientif-  
18 ically proven technology performed on a qualified individ-  
19 ual (as defined in paragraph (2)) for the purpose of identi-  
20 fying bone mass or detecting bone loss.

21 “(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘quali-  
22 fied individual’ means an individual who is (in accordance  
23 with regulations prescribed by the Secretary)—

24 “(A) an estrogen-deficient woman at clinical  
25 risk for osteoporosis;

1           “(B) an individual with vertebral abnormalities;

2           “(C) an individual receiving long-term  
3 glucocorticoid steroid therapy;

4           “(D) an individual with primary  
5 hyperparathyroidism; or

6           “(E) an individual being monitored to assess  
7 the response to or efficacy of an approved  
8 osteoporosis drug therapy.”.

9           (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Sections 1864(a),  
10 1865(a), 1902(a)(9)(C), and 1915(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I) of the  
11 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395aa(a), 1395bb(a),  
12 1396a(a)(9)(C), and 1396n(a)(1)(B)(ii)(I)) are amended  
13 by striking “paragraphs (15) and (16)” each place such  
14 term appears and inserting “paragraphs (16) and (17)”.

15           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
16 this section shall apply to bone mass measurements per-  
17 formed on or after January 1, 1996.

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