

106TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2644

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand medicare coverage of certain self-injected biologicals.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 25, 2000

Mr. GORTON (for himself, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANTORUM, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. COCHRAN, and Mr. L. CHAFEE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Access to Innovation
5 for Medicare Patients Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF SELF-INJECTED**
7 **BIOLOGICALS.**

8 (a) **COVERAGE.—**

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is
3 amended—

4 (A) in subparagraph (S), by striking
5 “and” at the end;

6 (B) in subparagraph (T), by inserting
7 “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

8 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (T)
9 the following new subparagraph:

10 “(U) a self-injected biological (which is ap-
11 proved by the Food and Drug Administration) that
12 is prescribed as a complete replacement for a drug
13 or biological that would otherwise be described in
14 subparagraph (A) or (B);”.

15 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subpara-
16 graphs (A) and (B) of section 1861(s)(2) of the So-
17 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) are each
18 amended by inserting “(except as provided in sub-
19 paragraph (U))” after “biologicals”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 subsection (a) apply to biologicals furnished on or after
22 January 1, 2001.

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