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S. 3112

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure access to digital mammography through adequate payment under the Medicare system.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 26 (legislative day, SEPTEMBER 22), 2000

Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, and Mr. MACK) 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 “Medicare Access to
5 Digital Mammography Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE ACCESS TO DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY**
7 **THROUGH ADEQUATE PAYMENT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(c)(3) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(3)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

1 (A) in the heading, by striking “\$55, IN-
2 DEXED” and inserting “IN GENERAL”;

3 (B) in clause (i), by striking “(i) for
4 screening mammography” and inserting “(i)(I
5 for nondigital screening mammography”; and

6 (C) by adding at the end of clause (i) the
7 following new subclause:

8 “(II) for digital screening mam-
9 mography performed in 2001, in \$155
10 (comprised of \$130 for the technical
11 component and \$25 for the profes-
12 sional component), and”; and

13 (2) by amending subparagraph (B) to read as
14 follows:

15 “(B) ADJUSTMENT OF LIMIT.—At least
16 annually, the Secretary shall review and solicit
17 public comment on the appropriateness of the
18 amount of the applicable limit established under
19 this paragraph (including the technical and pro-
20 fessional components of such limit) and shall
21 adjust accordingly the amount of such limit
22 (and its components) as it applies nationally or
23 in any area to the amount that the Secretary
24 estimates is required—

1 “(i) to assure that screening mam-
2 mography of an appropriate quality is
3 readily and conveniently available;

4 “(ii) to assure access to advancing or
5 enhanced mammography technologies; and

6 “(iii) to reflect changes in produc-
7 tivity, training requirements for physicians
8 and other personnel, equipment require-
9 ments, and other factors resulting from
10 such advancements or enhancements.”.

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1834(c)
12 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)) is amended—

13 (1) in paragraph (1) in the matter preceding
14 subparagraph (B), by inserting “, including digital
15 screening mammography” after “1861(jj)”;

16 (2) in paragraphs (1)(C)(iii) and (3)(A)(ii), by
17 inserting “applicable” before “limit”; and

18 (3) in paragraph (3)(C), by inserting “for non-
19 digital screening mammography” before “estab-
20 lished”.

21 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 this section apply to digital screening mammography per-
23 formed on or after January 1, 2001, without regard to

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- 1 whether regulations to carry out such amendments are
- 2 promulgated by such date.

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