

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 416

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of annual screening pap smear and screening pelvic exams.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2003

Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, and Mr. CORZINE) 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 “Providing Annual Pap
5 Tests to Save Women’s Lives Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF ANNUAL SCREENING PAP SMEAR**
7 **AND PELVIC EXAMS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) ANNUAL SCREENING PAP SMEAR.—Section
2 1861(nn)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1395x(nn)(1)) is amended by striking “, if the indi-
4 vidual involved” and all that follows before the pe-
5 riod and inserting “if the woman involved has not
6 had such a test during the preceding year”.

7 (2) ANNUAL SCREENING PELVIC EXAM.—Sec-
8 tion 1861(nn)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1395x(nn)(2)) is amended by striking “dur-
10 ing the preceding 2 years, or during the preceding
11 year in the case of a woman described in paragraph
12 (3),” and inserting “during the preceding year,”.

13 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
14 1861(nn) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1395x(nn)) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 subsection (a) apply to items and services furnished on
18 or after January 1, 2004.

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