

109TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 5437

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend for 6 months the eligibility period for the “Welcome to Medicare” physical examination and to eliminate coinsurance for screening mammography and colorectal cancer screening tests in order to promote the early detection of cancer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2006

Mr. SHAW introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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 “Medicare Early Detec-
5 tion of Cancer Promotion Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENDING THE ELIGIBILITY PERIOD FOR A “WEL-**
2 **COME TO MEDICARE” PHYSICAL EXAMINA-**
3 **TION FROM SIX MONTHS TO ONE YEAR.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1862(a)(1)(K) of the So-
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(1)(K)) is amended
6 by striking “6 months” and inserting “1 year”.

7 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) shall apply to initial preventive physician
9 examinations performed on or after January 1, 2007.

10 **SEC. 3. ELIMINATION OF THE 20 PERCENT COINSURANCE**
11 **FOR SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY AND**
12 **COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING TESTS.**

13 (a) **SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY.**—

14 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1833(a)(1)(B) of the
15 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)(B)) is
16 amended—

17 (A) by inserting “and with respect to
18 screening mammography (as defined in section
19 1861(jj))” after “section 1861(s)(10)(A)”; and

20 (B) by striking “100 percent of the reason-
21 able charge for such items and services” and in-
22 serting “100 percent of the fee schedule or
23 other basis of payment under this title for the
24 vaccine and its administration or for the screen-
25 ing mammography”.

1 (2) APPLICATION TO OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL
2 SETTINGS.—The third sentence of section
3 1866(a)(2)(A) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1395cc(a)(2)(A)) is amended by inserting after
5 “1861(s)(10)(A)” the following: “, with respect to
6 screening mammography,”.

7 (b) COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING TESTS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834(d) of such Act
9 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(d)) is amended—

10 (A) in paragraph (2)(C)—

11 (i) by striking “FACILITY PAYMENT
12 LIMIT” and all that follows through “Not-
13 withstanding subsections” and inserting
14 “FACILITY PAYMENT LIMIT.—Notwith-
15 standing subsections”;

16 (ii) by striking “(I) in accordance”
17 and inserting “(i) in accordance”;

18 (iii) by striking “(II) are performed”
19 and all that follows through “payment
20 under” and inserting “(ii) are performed
21 in an ambulatory surgical center or hos-
22 pital outpatient department, payment
23 under”; and

24 (iv) by striking clause (ii); and

25 (B) in paragraph (3)(C)—

1 (i) by striking “FACILITY PAYMENT
2 LIMIT” and all that follows through “Not-
3 withstanding subsections” and inserting
4 “FACILITY PAYMENT LIMIT.—Notwith-
5 standing subsections”; and

6 (ii) by striking clause (ii).

7 (2) APPLICATION TO OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL
8 SETTINGS.—(A) Section 1833(t)(1)(B)(iv) of such
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(t)(1)(B)(iv)) is amended by
10 inserting “and does not include colorectal cancer
11 screening tests” after “diagnostic mammography”.

12 (B) The third sentence of section 1866(a)(2)(A)
13 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395cc(a)(2)(A)), as amend-
14 ed by subsection (a)(2), is amended by inserting
15 “and colorectal cancer screening tests” after
16 “screening mammography”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this section shall apply to screening mammography and
19 colorectal cancer screening tests performed on or after
20 January 1, 2007.

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