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114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to protect coverage for screening mammography, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. ELLMERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Protect Access to Life-
5 saving Screenings Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROTECTING COVERAGE FOR SCREENING MAM-**
2 **MOGRAPHY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Effective during the period begin-
4 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending
5 January 1, 2018, any provision of law that refers (includ-
6 ing through cross-reference to another provision of law)
7 to the current recommendations of the United States Pre-
8 ventive Services Task Force with respect to breast cancer
9 screening, mammography, and prevention shall be admin-
10 istered by the Secretary involved as if—

11 (1) such reference to such current recommenda-
12 tions were a reference to the recommendations of
13 such Task Force with respect to breast cancer
14 screening, mammography, and prevention last issued
15 before 2009; and

16 (2) such recommendations last issued before
17 2009 applied to any screening mammography modal-
18 ity under section 1861(jj) of the Social Security Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jj)).

20 (b) CONTINUING MEDICARE COVERAGE WITHOUT
21 COINSURANCE.—Section 1833(a)(1)(Y) of the Social Se-
22 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)(Y)) is amended by in-
23 serting after “in the case of such services described in sub-
24 paragraph (A)” the following: “(other than screening
25 mammography)”.

1 (c) MAINTAINING FREQUENCY OF MEDICARE COV-
2 ERAGE.—Section 1834(c)(2)(B)(ii) of the Social Security
3 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(c)(2)(B)(ii)) is amended by insert-
4 ing before the period at the end the following: “, except
5 that in the case of a woman over 39 years of age, such
6 revision may not decrease such frequency”.

7 (d) CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF SCREENING
8 MAMMOGRAPHY.—Section 1861(jj) of the Social Security
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(jj)) is amended by inserting “, in-
10 cluding any digital modality of such a procedure,” after
11 “radiologic procedure”.