

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4695

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to add sleep apnea screening to the initial preventive physical examination under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2014

Mr. BURGESS (for himself and Mr. RUSH) 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. ADDING SLEEP APNEA SCREENING TO THE INI-**
4 **TIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**
5 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-
7 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (ww)(2), by adding at the end
2 the following new subparagraph:

3 “(O) Sleep apnea screening (as defined in sub-
4 section (iii)).”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “Sleep Apnea Screening

8 “(iii) The term ‘sleep apnea screening’ means, with
9 respect to an individual, a determination based upon infor-
10 mation that is obtained with respect to the individual
11 through an appropriate questionnaire as to whether the
12 individual is at high risk for obstructive sleep apnea. Such
13 determination shall be evidence-based and shall be made
14 in accordance with recognized clinical guidelines or such
15 other guidelines as the Secretary determines appropriate
16 in consultation with appropriate medical organizations.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 subsection (a) apply to initial preventive physical examina-
19 tions performed on or after January 1, 2016.

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