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To provide for the rapid coverage of preventive services and vaccines for
COVID-19.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COURTNEY (for himself and Mr. BEYER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Education and Labor, 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

To provide for the rapid coverage of preventive services and
vaccines for COVID-19.

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 “Rapid Coverage of
5 COVID-19 Vaccine Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. RAPID COVERAGE OF PREVENTIVE SERVICES AND**
2 **VACCINES FOR COVID-19.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a qualifying
4 COVID-19 preventive service, notwithstanding section
5 2713(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
6 300gg–13(b)) (including the regulations under section
7 2590.715–2713 of title 29, Code of Federal Regulations,
8 section 54.9815–2713 of title 26, Code of Federal Regula-
9 tions, and section 147.130 of title 45, Code of Federal
10 Regulations), the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
11 ices, Secretary of Labor, and Secretary of the Treasury
12 shall apply to group health plans and health insurance
13 issuers offering group or individual health insurance cov-
14 erage the requirement under section 2713(a) of the Public
15 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–13(a)), with respect
16 to such services, as if such section 2713(a)—

17 (1) required the coverage of such service under
18 such plans and such coverage be effective not later
19 than the specified date (as defined in subsection
20 (b)(2)) with respect to such service; and

21 (2) applied to grandfathered health plans (as
22 defined in section 1251(e) of the Patient Protection
23 and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18011(e))).

24 (b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

25 (1) QUALIFYING COVID-19 PREVENTIVE SERV-
26 ICE.—The term “qualifying COVID-19 preventive

1 service” means an item, service, or immunization
2 that is intended to prevent or mitigate COVID-19
3 and that is—

4 (A) an evidence-based item or service that
5 has in effect a rating of “A” or “B” in the cur-
6 rent recommendations of the United States Pre-
7 ventive Services Task Force; or

8 (B) an immunization that has in effect a
9 recommendation from the Advisory Committee
10 on Immunization Practices of the Centers for
11 Disease Control and Prevention with respect to
12 the individual involved.

13 (2) SPECIFIED DATE.—The term “specified
14 date” means—

15 (A) with respect to a qualifying COVID-19
16 preventive service described in paragraph
17 (1)(A), the date that is 15 business days after
18 the date on which a rating, as described in such
19 paragraph, is made with respect to such service;
20 and

21 (B) with respect to a qualifying COVID-19
22 preventive service described in paragraph
23 (1)(B), the date that is 15 business days after
24 the date on which a recommendation, as de-

1 scribed in such paragraph, is made relating to
2 the service.

3 (3) ADDITIONAL TERMS.—The terms “group
4 health plan”; “health insurance issuer”; “group
5 health insurance coverage”, and “individual health
6 insurance coverage” have the meanings given such
7 terms in section 2791 of the Public Health Service
8 Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91), section 733 of the Em-
9 ployee Retirement Income Security Act (29 U.S.C.
10 1191b), and section 9832 of the Internal Revenue
11 Code of 1986, as applicable.

12 (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services, Secretary of Labor, and Secretary of the
14 Treasury may implement the provisions of this section
15 through program instruction, subregulatory guidance, or
16 otherwise.

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