

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1186

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the in the home restriction for Medicare coverage of mobility devices for individuals with expected long-term needs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 4, 2009

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LIEBERMAN, and Mr. HARKIN) 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 “Medicare Independent
5 Living Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF IN THE HOME RESTRICTION FOR**
2 **MEDICARE COVERAGE OF MOBILITY DEVICES**
3 **FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH EXPECTED LONG-**
4 **TERM NEEDS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1861(n) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended by inserting
7 “or, in the case of a mobility device required by an indi-
8 vidual with expected long-term need, used in customary
9 settings for the purpose of normal domestic, vocational,
10 or community activities” after “1819(a)(1)”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
12 subsection (a) shall apply to items furnished on or after
13 the date of enactment of this Act.

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