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To require the coverage of testing for certain sexually transmitted infections without the imposition of cost sharing, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself and Ms. LEE of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, and Natural Resources, 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

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## A BILL

To require the coverage of testing for certain sexually transmitted infections without the imposition of cost sharing, and for other purposes.

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 “Equity in STD Testing  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF TESTING FOR CERTAIN SEXUALLY**  
 2 **TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS WITHOUT COST**  
 3 **SHARING.**

4 (a) COVERAGE OF TESTING UNDER MEDICARE AD-  
 5 VANTAGE.—

6 (1) COVERAGE.—Section 1852(a)(1)(B) of the  
 7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-  
 8 22(a)(1)(B)(iv)) is amended—

9 (A) in clause (iv)—

10 (i) by redesignating subclause (VIII)  
 11 as subclause (IX); and

12 (ii) by inserting after subclause (VII)  
 13 the following new subclause:

14 “(VIII) Screening testing for  
 15 each of HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis,  
 16 trichomoniasis, and chlamydia (and  
 17 the administration of such tests) for  
 18 which benefits are provided under  
 19 part B as an additional preventive  
 20 service.”; and

21 (B) in clause (v), by striking “and (VI)”  
 22 and inserting “(VI), and (VIII)”.

23 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
 24 by this subsection shall take effect on the date of the  
 25 enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect  
 26 to plan years beginning after such date.

1 (b) COVERAGE OF TESTING UNDER MEDICAID.—

2 (1) COVERAGE.—Section 1905(a) of such Act  
3 (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(3)) is amended—

4 (A) in paragraph (3)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking  
6 “and” at the end;

7 (ii) in subparagraph (B), by adding  
8 “and” at the end; and

9 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
10 lowing new subparagraph:

11 “(C) screening testing for each of HIV,  
12 gonorrhea, syphilis, trichomoniasis, and  
13 chlamydia (and the administration of such  
14 tests), if such testing (or administration, as ap-  
15 plicable) would be covered under health insur-  
16 ance coverage pursuant to section 2713(a)(1) of  
17 the Public Health Service Act for an individual  
18 enrolled under such coverage;”; and

19 (B) in paragraph (13), in the matter pre-  
20 ceding subparagraph (A), by inserting “(other  
21 than testing and services described in para-  
22 graph (3)(C))” after “preventive”.

23 (2) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING.—Section  
24 1916 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o) is amended—

1 (A) in subsection (a)(2), as amended by  
2 section 11405(a)(2)(A)(i)(II)–(IV) of Public  
3 Law 117–169—

4 (i) in subparagraph (I), by striking  
5 “or” at the end;

6 (ii) in subparagraph (J), by striking  
7 “and” at the end and inserting “or”; and

8 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
9 lowing new subparagraph:

10 “(K) screening testing (and the adminis-  
11 tration of such tests) described in section  
12 1905(a)(3)(C); and”; and

13 (B) in subsection (b)(2), as amended by  
14 section 11405(a)(2)(A)(ii)(II)–(IV) of Public  
15 Law 117–169—

16 (i) in subparagraph (I), by striking  
17 “or” at the end;

18 (ii) in subparagraph (J), by striking  
19 “and” at the end and inserting “or”; and

20 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
21 lowing new subparagraph:

22 “(K) screening testing (and the adminis-  
23 tration of such tests) described in section  
24 1905(a)(3)(C); and”.

1           (3) APPLICATION TO ALTERNATIVE COST-SHAR-  
2           ING.—Section 1916A(b)(3)(B) of such Act (42  
3           U.S.C. 1396o–1(b)(3)(B)), as amended by section  
4           11405(a)(2)(B) of Public Law 117–169, is amended  
5           by adding at the end the following new clause:

6                     “(xv) Screening testing (and the ad-  
7                     ministration of such tests) described in  
8                     section 1905(a)(3)(C).”.

9           (4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

10                    (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
11                    subparagraph (B), the amendments made by  
12                    this subsection shall take effect on the date of  
13                    the enactment of this Act and shall apply with  
14                    respect to calendar year quarters beginning on  
15                    or after the date that is one year after such  
16                    date.

17                    (B) EXCEPTION IF STATE LEGISLATION  
18                    REQUIRED.—In the case of a State plan for  
19                    medical assistance under title XIX of the Social  
20                    Security Act which the Secretary of Health and  
21                    Human Services determines requires State leg-  
22                    islation (other than legislation appropriating  
23                    funds) in order for the plan to meet the addi-  
24                    tional requirements imposed by the amend-  
25                    ments made by this subsection, the State plan

shall not be regarded as failing to comply with the requirements of such title solely on the basis of its failure to meet these additional requirements before the first day of the first calendar quarter beginning after the close of the first regular session of the State legislature that begins after the date of the enactment of this Act. For purposes of the previous sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year of such session shall be deemed to be a separate regular session of the State legislature.

(c) COVERAGE OF TESTING FOR UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS AS STATE OPTION.—

(1) COVERAGE.—Section 1902(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (10)(A)(ii)—

(i) in subclause (XXII), by striking “or” at the end;

(ii) in subclause (XXIII), by adding “or” at the end; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(XXIV) who are uninsured individuals (as defined in subsection (ss))

1                   who receive the screening testing (and  
 2                   the administration of such tests) de-  
 3                   scribed in section 1905(a)(3)(C);”;

4                   (B) in the matter following paragraph  
 5                   (10)(G)—

6                   (i) by striking “and (XIX)” and in-  
 7                   serting “(XIX)”; and

8                   (ii) by striking the semicolon at the  
 9                   end and inserting “, and (XX) the medical  
 10                  assistance made available to an uninsured  
 11                  individual (as defined in subsection (ss))  
 12                  who is eligible for medical assistance only  
 13                  because of subparagraph (A)(ii)(XXIV)  
 14                  shall be limited to medical assistance for  
 15                  the screening testing (and the administra-  
 16                  tion of such tests) described in section  
 17                  1905(a)(3)(C);”;

18                  (C) in paragraph (55), in the matter pre-  
 19                  ceding subparagraph (A), by striking “or  
 20                  (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII)” and inserting  
 21                  “(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII), or  
 22                  (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIV)”.

23                  (2) FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENT-  
 24                  AGE.—Section 1905(b) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
 25                  1396d(b)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-

1       lowing new sentence: “Notwithstanding the first sen-  
2       tence of this subsection, the Federal medical assist-  
3       ance percentage shall be 100 per centum with re-  
4       spect to (and, notwithstanding any other provision of  
5       this title, available for) medical assistance provided  
6       to uninsured individuals (as defined in section  
7       1902(ss)) who are eligible for such assistance only  
8       on the basis of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIV)  
9       and with respect to expenditures described in section  
10      1903(a)(7) that a State demonstrates to the satis-  
11      faction of the Secretary are attributable to adminis-  
12      trative costs related to providing for such medical  
13      assistance to such individuals under the State  
14      plan.”.

15           (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
16      by this subsection shall take effect on the date of the  
17      enactment of this Act and shall apply with respect  
18      to calendar year quarters beginning on or after such  
19      date.

20      (d) COVERAGE OF TESTING UNDER CHIP.—

21           (1) REQUIRED COVERAGE OF SEXUALLY TRANS-  
22      MITTED INFECTIONS TESTING.—Section 2103(c) of  
23      such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(c)), as amended by sec-  
24      tion 11405(b)(1) of Public Law 117–169, is amend-



ed by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(13) REQUIRED COVERAGE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS TESTING.—The child health assistance provided to a targeted low-income child shall include coverage of any screening testing for each of HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis, trichomoniasis, and chlamydia (and the administration of such tests), if such testing (or administration, as applicable) would be covered under health insurance coverage pursuant to section 2713(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act for an individual enrolled under such coverage.”.

(2) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING.—Section 2103(e)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(e)(2)) is amended—

(A) in the heading, by inserting “SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS TESTING,” before “OR PREGNANCY-RELATED ASSISTANCE”; and

(B) by inserting “screening testing described in subsection (c)(12) (and the administration of such tests)” before “services described in section 1916(a)(2)(G)”.

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1           (A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
2           subparagraph (B), the amendments made by  
3           this subsection shall take effect on the date of  
4           the enactment of this Act and shall apply with  
5           respect to calendar year quarters beginning on  
6           or after the date that is one year after such  
7           date.

8           (B) EXCEPTION IF STATE LEGISLATION  
9           REQUIRED.—In the case of a State child health  
10          plan for child health assistance under title XXI  
11          of the Social Security Act which the Secretary  
12          of Health and Human Services determines re-  
13          quires State legislation (other than legislation  
14          appropriating funds) in order for the plan to  
15          meet the additional requirements imposed by  
16          the amendments made by this subsection, the  
17          State child health plan shall not be regarded as  
18          failing to comply with the requirements of such  
19          title solely on the basis of its failure to meet  
20          these additional requirements before the first  
21          day of the first calendar quarter beginning after  
22          the close of the first regular session of the  
23          State legislature that begins after the date of  
24          the enactment of this Act. For purposes of the  
25          previous sentence, in the case of a State that

1           has a 2-year legislative session, each year of  
2           such session shall be deemed to be a separate  
3           regular session of the State legislature.

4           (e) COVERAGE OF TESTING WITH RESPECT TO  
5 TRICARE.—

6           (1) COVERAGE.—Title 10, United States Code,  
7           is amended—

8                   (A) in section 1074d—

9                           (i) by redesignating subsection (b) as  
10                          subsection (c); and

11                           (ii) by inserting before subsection (c),  
12                          as so redesignated, the following new sub-  
13                          section:

14           “(b) COVERAGE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS TESTING.—Members and former members of the  
15           uniformed services entitled to medical care under section  
16           1074 or 1074a of this title shall also be entitled to screen-  
17           ing testing for each of HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis, trichomo-  
18           niasis, and chlamydia (and the administration of such  
19           tests), if such testing (or administration, as applicable)  
20           would be covered under health insurance coverage pursu-  
21           ant to section 2713(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act  
22           for an individual enrolled under such coverage, as part of  
23           such medical care.”; and  
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1 (B) in section 1079(a), by adding at the  
2 end the following new paragraph:

3 “(20) Screening testing for each of HIV, gonor-  
4 rhea, syphilis, trichomoniasis, and chlamydia (and  
5 the administration of such tests), if such testing (or  
6 administration, as applicable) would be covered  
7 under health insurance coverage pursuant to section  
8 2713(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act for an  
9 individual enrolled under such coverage, shall be pro-  
10 vided as appropriate.”.

11 (2) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING.—Such  
12 title is further amended—

13 (A) in section 1075a, by adding at the end  
14 the following new subsection:

15 “(d) ELIMINATION OF COST-SHARING FOR SEXU-  
16 ALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS TESTING.—Notwith-  
17 standing any other provision under this section, cost-shar-  
18 ing may not be imposed or collected with respect to any  
19 beneficiary enrolled in TRICARE Prime for screening  
20 testing for each of HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis, trichomo-  
21 niasis, and chlamydia (and the administration of such  
22 tests), if such testing (or administration, as applicable)  
23 would be covered under health insurance coverage pursu-  
24 ant to section 2713(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act

1 for an individual enrolled under such coverage, that is pro-  
2 vided under TRICARE Prime.”;

3 (B) in section 1075(c), by adding at the  
4 end the following new paragraph:

5 “(4) Notwithstanding any other provision under  
6 this section, cost-sharing may not be imposed or col-  
7 lected with respect to any beneficiary enrolled in  
8 TRICARE Select for screening testing for each of  
9 HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis, trichomoniasis, and  
10 chlamydia (and the administration of such tests), if  
11 such testing (or administration, as applicable) would  
12 be covered under health insurance coverage pursuant  
13 to section 2713(a)(1) of the Public Health Service  
14 Act for an individual enrolled under such coverage,  
15 that is provided under TRICARE Select.”; and

16 (C) in section 1086(d)(3)—

17 (i) by redesignating subparagraph (C)  
18 as subparagraph (D); and

19 (ii) by inserting before subparagraph  
20 (D), as so redesignated, the following new  
21 subparagraph:

22 “(C) Notwithstanding any other provision  
23 under this section, cost-sharing may not be im-  
24 posed or collected under a plan under sub-  
25 section (a) with respect to a person described in

1 paragraph (2) for screening testing for each of  
 2 HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis, trichomoniasis, and  
 3 chlamydia (and the administration of such  
 4 tests), if such testing (or administration, as ap-  
 5 plicable) would be covered under health insur-  
 6 ance coverage pursuant to section 2713(a)(1) of  
 7 the Public Health Service Act for an individual  
 8 enrolled under such coverage.”.

9 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
 10 by this subsection shall take effect on January 1 of  
 11 the year following the date of the enactment of this  
 12 Act.

13 (f) COVERAGE OF TESTING WITH RESPECT TO VET-  
 14 ERANS.—

15 (1) COVERAGE.—Chapter 17 of title 38, United  
 16 States Code, is amended by inserting after section  
 17 1720J the following new section (and conforming  
 18 the table of sections at the beginning of such chap-  
 19 ter accordingly):

20 **“§ 1720K. Sexually transmitted infections testing**

21 “(a) COVERAGE OF SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFEC-  
 22 TIONS TESTING.—The Secretary shall furnish screening  
 23 testing for each of HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis, trichomo-  
 24 niasis, and chlamydia (and the administration of such  
 25 tests), if such testing (or administration, as applicable)

1 would be covered under health insurance coverage pursu-  
2 ant to section 2713(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act  
3 for an individual enrolled under such coverage, to an eligi-  
4 ble individual at a medical facility of the Department pur-  
5 suant to this section.

6 “(b) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible for the  
7 testing described in subsection (a) if the individual is a  
8 veteran who is enrolled in the system of annual patient  
9 enrollment established under section 1705(a) of this title.

10 “(c) PROHIBITION ON COST-SHARING.—Notwith-  
11 standing subsections (f) and (g) of section 1710 and sec-  
12 tion 1722A of this title, the Secretary may not require  
13 an eligible individual to make any copayment for, or  
14 charge such individual for any other cost of, the receipt  
15 of the testing described in subsection (a).”.

16 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
17 by this subsection shall take effect on January 1 of  
18 the year following the date of the enactment of this  
19 Act.

20 (g) COVERAGE OF TESTING WITH RESPECT TO INDIV-  
21 IDUALS RECEIVING PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE.—

22 (1) COVERAGE.—The Secretary of Health and  
23 Human Services shall cover, without the imposition  
24 of any cost sharing requirements, the cost of pro-  
25 viding screening testing (and the administration of

1 such tests) for each of HIV, gonorrhea, syphilis,  
2 trichomoniasis, and chlamydia, if such testing (or  
3 administration, as applicable) would be covered  
4 under health insurance coverage pursuant to section  
5 2713(a)(1) of the Public Health Service Act for an  
6 individual enrolled under such coverage, to Indians  
7 (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care  
8 Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603)) receiving health  
9 services through the Indian Health Service, includ-  
10 ing through an Urban Indian Organization, regard-  
11 less of whether such tests have been authorized  
12 under the purchased/referred care system funded by  
13 the Indian Health Service or are covered as a health  
14 service of the Indian Health Service.

15 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This subsection shall  
16 take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act  
17 and shall apply to items and services furnished on  
18 or after the first day of the calendar year beginning  
19 after such date.

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