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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. REICHERT (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. LANCE, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Lymphedema Treat-
5 ment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CERTAIN LYMPHEDEMA**
2 **COMPRESSION TREATMENT ITEMS AS ITEMS**
3 **OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.**

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

6 (1) in subsection (n), in the first sentence, by
7 inserting before the semicolon the following: “and in-
8 cludes lymphedema compression treatment items (as
9 defined in subsection (jjj))”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(jjj) LYMPHEDEMA COMPRESSION TREATMENT
13 ITEMS.—The term ‘lymphedema compression treatment
14 items’—

15 “(1) means, with respect to an individual, com-
16 pression garments, devices, bandaging systems, com-
17 ponents, and supplies—

18 “(A) that are primarily and customarily
19 used in the medical treatment of lymphedema;

20 “(B) as prescribed by a physician (or a
21 physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or a
22 clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-
23 fined in section 1861(aa)(5)) to the extent au-
24 thorized under State law); and

1 “(C) which would not, other than under
2 subsection (s)(6), be included as medical and
3 other health services under this title; and

4 “(2) includes—

5 “(A) multilayer compression bandaging
6 systems;

7 “(B) custom or standard fit gradient com-
8 pression garments;

9 “(C) non-elastic and low-elastic compres-
10 sion garments and compression wraps and di-
11 rectional flow pads; and

12 “(D) any other compression garments,
13 bandaging systems, devices, and aids deter-
14 mined by the Secretary to be effective in the
15 prevention or treatment of lymphedema.”.

16 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
17 subsection (a) shall apply to lymphedema compression
18 treatment items furnished on or after 180 days after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act.

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