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H. R. 10291

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for certain fall prevention items under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 4, 2024

Mr. MAGAZINER (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. SOTO, and Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) 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 the Budget, 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 amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for certain fall prevention items under the Medicare program.

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. PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN FALL**
4 **PREVENTION ITEMS UNDER THE MEDICARE**
5 **PROGRAM.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—

1 (1) COVERAGE.—Section 1861 of the Social Se-
2 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

3 (A) in subsection (n)—

4 (i) by striking “and wheelchairs” and
5 inserting “wheelchairs”; and

6 (ii) by inserting “, and fall prevention
7 items (as defined in subsection (nnn))”
8 after “may prescribe”; and

9 (B) by adding at the end the following new
10 subsection:

11 “(nnn) FALL PREVENTION ITEMS.—The term ‘fall
12 prevention items’ includes grab bars, non-slip mats, show-
13 er chairs, bed rails, and such other items or categories
14 of items as the Secretary may specify.”.

15 (2) EXCLUSION MODIFICATION.—Section
16 1862(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
17 1395y(a)(1)) is amended—

18 (A) in subparagraph (O), by striking
19 “and” at the end;

20 (B) in subparagraph (P), by striking the
21 semicolon and inserting “, and”; and

22 (C) by adding at the end the following new
23 subparagraph:

24 “(Q) in the case of fall prevention items
25 (as defined in section 1861(nnn)), which are

1 not furnished pursuant to an order of a physi-
2 cian or practitioner (as described in section
3 1842(b)(18)(C));”.

4 (b) EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.—Notwith-
5 standing any other provision of law, payments for fall pre-
6 vention items (as defined in section 1861(nnn) of the So-
7 cial Security Act, as added by subsection (a)) under the
8 Medicare program shall not be subject to any reduction
9 under a sequestration issued under the Balanced Budget
10 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Statutory
11 Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, or any other provision law.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 subsection (a) shall apply beginning 60 days after the date
14 of the enactment of this Act.

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