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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. BURGESS, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. McDERMOTT, and Mr. PIERLUISI) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Health Outcomes,
3 Planning, and Education for Alzheimer’s Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE ALZ-**
5 **HEIMER’S DISEASE DIAGNOSIS AND SERV-**
6 **ICES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-
8 rity Act is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (s)(2)—

10 (A) by striking “and” at the end of sub-
11 paragraph (EE);

12 (B) by adding “and” at the end of sub-
13 paragraph (FF); and

14 (C) by adding at the end the following new
15 subparagraph:

16 “(GG) comprehensive Alzheimer’s disease diag-
17 nosis and services (as defined in subsection (iii));”;
18 and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
20 section:

21 “Comprehensive Alzheimer’s Disease Diagnosis and
22 Services

23 “(iii)(1) The term ‘comprehensive Alzheimer’s disease
24 diagnosis and services’ means the services described in
25 paragraph (2) furnished to an individual—

1 “(A) who does not already have a diagnosis of
2 Alzheimer’s disease; and

3 “(B) for whom a physician or a practitioner de-
4 scribed in clause (i), (iv), or (v) of section
5 1842(b)(18)(C), in a medical setting such as a phy-
6 sician’s office, a hospital, a skilled nursing facility,
7 a community health center, or another similar med-
8 ical setting—

9 “(i) has detected the individual may have
10 a cognitive impairment or dementia; and

11 “(ii) pursuant to such detection, has deter-
12 mined a diagnostic evaluation for Alzheimer’s
13 disease is needed.

14 “(2) The services described in this paragraph are the
15 following:

16 “(A) A diagnostic evaluation, including referral
17 to a specialist if recommended.

18 “(B) If the individual is diagnosed with Alz-
19 heimer’s disease under the diagnostic evaluation
20 under subparagraph (A), care planning services
21 (with the individual or with one or more family care-
22 givers of the individual without the presence of the
23 individual), including assistance understanding the
24 diagnosis as well as the medical and non-medical op-
25 tions for ongoing treatment, services, and supports,

1 and information about how to obtain such treat-
2 ments, services, and supports.

3 “(C) Medical record documentation, with re-
4 spect to an individual, of the diagnostic evaluation
5 under subparagraph (A), the diagnosis, and any care
6 planning services under subparagraph (B).

7 “(3) In this subsection, the term ‘Alzheimer’s disease’
8 means Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.”.

9 (b) PAYMENT.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the Social Se-
10 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is amended by striking
11 “and” before “(Z)” and inserting before the semicolon at
12 the end the following: “, and (AA) with respect to com-
13 prehensive Alzheimer’s disease diagnosis and services (as
14 defined in section 1861(iii)), the amount paid shall be an
15 amount equal to 80 percent of the amount determined
16 under a fee schedule designated by the Secretary”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
19 January 1 of the year following the year which includes
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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