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# H. R. 859

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2011

Ms. HIRONO 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

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## 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 “Shingles Prevention  
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE OF THE SHINGLES VACCINE UNDER THE**  
2 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

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

5 (1) in subsection (s)(10)(A), by striking “pneu-  
6 mococcal vaccine and its administration and,” and  
7 inserting “pneumococcal vaccine and its administra-  
8 tion, shingles vaccine and its administration, and”;  
9 and

10 (2) in subsection (ww)(2)(A), by inserting  
11 “shingles,” after “influenza,”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13 subsection (a) shall apply to shingles vaccine furnished on  
14 or after January 1 of the first year beginning more than  
15 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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