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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of comprehensive Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia diagnosis and services in order to improve care and outcomes for Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias by improving detection, diagnosis, and care planning.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6 (legislative day, APRIL 5), 2011

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Ms. COLLINS) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Health Outcomes,
5 Planning, and Education for Alzheimer’s Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF COMPREHENSIVE ALZ-**
 2 **HEIMER'S DISEASE DIAGNOSIS AND SERV-**
 3 **ICES.**

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

6 (1) in subsection (s)(2)—

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

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

11 (C) by adding at the end the following new
 12 subparagraph:

13 “(GG) comprehensive Alzheimer’s disease diag-
 14 nosis and services (as defined in subsection (iii));”;
 15 and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 17 section:

18 “Comprehensive Alzheimer’s Disease Diagnosis and
 19 Services

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

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

25 “(B) for whom a physician or a practitioner de-
 26 scribed in clause (i), (iv), or (v) of section

1 1842(b)(18)(C), in a medical setting such as a phy-
2 sician’s office, a hospital, a skilled nursing facility,
3 a community health center, or another similar med-
4 ical setting—

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

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

10 “(2) The services described in this paragraph are the
11 following:

12 “(A) A diagnostic evaluation, including referral
13 to a specialist if recommended.

14 “(B) If the individual is diagnosed with Alz-
15 heimer’s disease under the diagnostic evaluation
16 under subparagraph (A), care planning services
17 (with the individual or with one or more family care-
18 givers of the individual without the presence of the
19 individual), including assistance understanding the
20 diagnosis as well as the medical and non-medical op-
21 tions for ongoing treatment, services, and supports,
22 and information about how to obtain such treat-
23 ments, services, and supports.

24 “(C) Medical record documentation, with re-
25 spect to an individual, of the diagnostic evaluation

1 under subparagraph (A), the diagnosis, and any care
2 planning services under subparagraph (B).

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

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

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

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