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S. 1312

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. ERNST, Ms. HASSAN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. TESTER) 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 “Metastatic Breast Can-
5 cer Access to Care Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR INDIVID-**
 2 **UALS WITH METASTATIC BREAST CANCER.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(a) of the Social Secu-
 4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 423(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter following
 6 subparagraph (E), by inserting “or metastatic
 7 breast cancer” after “amyotrophic lateral sclerosis”;
 8 and

9 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “or (iii)”
 10 after “clause (ii)”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 12 this section shall apply with respect to applications for dis-
 13 ability insurance benefits filed after the date of the enact-
 14 ment of this Act.

15 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF 24-MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR MEDI-**
 16 **CARE COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH**
 17 **METASTATIC BREAST CANCER.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 226(h) of the Social Secu-
 19 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 426(h)) is amended by inserting “or
 20 metastatic breast cancer” after “amyotrophic lateral sle-
 21 rosis (ALS)”.

22 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 23 this section shall apply to benefits for months beginning
 24 after the date of the enactment of this Act.