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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of certain lymphedema compression treatment items as items of durable medical equipment.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 28, 2019

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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 “Lymphedema Treat-  
 5 ment Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF CERTAIN LYMPHEDEMA**  
 7 **COMPRESSION TREATMENT ITEMS AS ITEMS**  
 8 **OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.**

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

11 (1) in subsection (n), in the first sentence, by  
 12 inserting before the semicolon the following: “and in-  
 13 cludes lymphedema compression treatment items (as  
 14 defined in subsection (kkk))”; and

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

17 “Lymphedema Compression Treatment Items

18 “(kkk) The term ‘lymphedema compression treat-  
 19 ment items’—

1           “(1) means, with respect to an individual, com-  
2           pression garments, devices, bandaging systems, com-  
3           ponents, and supplies—

4                   “(A) that are primarily and customarily  
5                   used in the medical treatment of lymphedema;

6                   “(B) as prescribed by a physician (or a  
7                   physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or a  
8                   clinical nurse specialist (as those terms are de-  
9                   fined in section 1861(aa)(5)) to the extent au-  
10                  thorized under State law); and

11                  “(C) which would not, other than under  
12                  subsection (s)(6), be included as medical and  
13                  other health services under this title; and

14           “(2) includes—

15                   “(A) multilayer compression bandaging  
16                   systems;

17                   “(B) custom or standard fit gradient com-  
18                   pression garments;

19                   “(C) non-elastic and low-elastic compres-  
20                   sion garments and compression wraps and di-  
21                   rectional flow pads; and

22                   “(D) any other compression garments,  
23                   bandaging systems, devices, and aids deter-  
24                   mined by the Secretary to be effective in the  
25                   prevention or treatment of lymphedema.”.

1           (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsection (a) shall apply to lymphedema compression  
3 treatment items furnished on or after January 1, 2021.

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