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# H. R. 6232

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 12, 2020

Mr. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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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. REIMBURSEMENT FOR DIAGNOSTIC TESTING**  
4 **FOR COVID–19 IN UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.**

5 (a) REIMBURSEMENT.—Through the National Dis-  
6 aster Medical System under section 2812 of the Public  
7 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh–11), and in coordi-  
8 nation with the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare

1 & Medicaid Services, the Secretary of Health and Human  
2 Services shall, subject to the availability of appropriations  
3 under subsection (c), pay the claims of laboratories for  
4 reimbursement, as described in subsection (a)(3)(D) of  
5 such section 2812, for health services consisting of diag-  
6 nostic testing to detect or diagnose COVID–19 in unin-  
7 sured individuals. The amount that will be paid shall be  
8 equal to the amount that would have been paid to a physi-  
9 cian or laboratory under Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule  
10 under section 1833(h)(8) of the Social Security Act.

11 (b) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “unin-  
12 sured individual” means an individual who is not enrolled  
13 in—

14 (1) a Federal health care program (as defined  
15 under section 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act  
16 (42 U.S.C. 1320a–7b(f))); or

17 (2) a group health plan or health insurance cov-  
18 erage offered by a health insurance issuer in the  
19 group or individual market (as such terms are de-  
20 fined in section 2791 of the Public Health Service  
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91)) or a health plan offered  
22 under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.

23 (c) FUNDING.—To carry out this section, there is au-  
24 thorized to be appropriated, and there is hereby appro-  
25 priated, out of amounts in the Treasury not otherwise obli-

1 gated, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until ex-  
2 pended.

