

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6173

To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to cover COVID–19 testing without cost sharing.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2020

Ms. DEGETTE (for herself and Ms. SHALALA) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Covering Coronavirus
5 Test Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING GROUP HEALTH PLANS AND HEALTH**
2 **INSURANCE ISSUERS OFFERING GROUP OR**
3 **INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**
4 **TO COVER COVID-19 TESTING WITHOUT COST**
5 **SHARING.**

6 Section 2713 of the Public Health Service Act (42
7 U.S.C. 300gg-11) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
10 the end;

11 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking the pe-
12 riod at the end and inserting a semicolon;

13 (C) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-
14 riod at the end and inserting “; and”;

15 (D) by redesignating paragraph (5) as
16 paragraph (6); and

17 (E) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
18 following new paragraph:

19 “(5) any service consisting of a test furnished
20 for purposes of diagnosing COVID-19.”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the
22 following new paragraph:

23 “(3) CLARIFICATION OF NONAPPLICATION OF
24 INTERVAL TO COVID-19 LABORATORY TESTS.—The

- 1 interval described in paragraph (1) shall not apply
- 2 to services described in subsection (a)(5).”.

