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H. R. 4610

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of self-administered betaseron treatments for multiple sclerosis under the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 21, 1994

Mr. LAFALCE introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and 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 “Multiple Sclerosis
5 Home Treatment Equity Act of 1994”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE AND PAYMENT OF SELF-ADMINISTERED**
2 **BETASERON UNDER MEDICARE.**

3 Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “and” at the end of subpara-
6 graph (P);

7 (2) by striking the period at the end of sub-
8 paragraph (Q) and adding in lieu thereof, “; and”;
9 and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 paragraph:

12 “(R) betaseron (Interferon beta-1b) for pa-
13 tients with multiple sclerosis competent to use
14 such biological without medical or other super-
15 vision with respect to the administration of
16 such biological, subject to methods and stand-
17 ards established by the Secretary by regulation
18 for the safe and effective use of such biological,
19 and terms related to the administration of such
20 biological.”.

21 **SEC. 3. REGULATIONS.**

22 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall,
23 not later than 150 days after the date of enactment of
24 this Act, issue final regulations setting forth standards
25 and methods for safe and effective use of betaseron for
26 purposes of payments under section 2 of this Act.

1 **SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by section 2 of this Act shall
3 apply to payments for items and services furnished on or
4 after October 1, 1994.

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