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S. 518

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.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 14, 2019

Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WICKER, Ms. HARRIS, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. BLUNT, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. KING, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. COONS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. REED, Mr. COTTON, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. DAINES, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. JONES, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. HOEVEN) 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 “Lymphedema Treat-
5 ment Act”.

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

4 “(2) includes—

5 “(A) multilayer compression bandaging
6 systems;

7 “(B) custom or standard fit gradient com-
8 pression garments;

9 “(C) non-elastic and low-elastic compres-
10 sion garments and compression wraps and di-
11 rectional flow pads; and

12 “(D) any other compression garments,
13 bandaging systems, devices, and aids deter-
14 mined by the Secretary to be effective in the
15 prevention or treatment of lymphedema.”.

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

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