

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

115TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require an evaluation and management of chronic pain to be included in the Welcome to Medicare initial preventive physical examination.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BUCSHON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIRING AN EVALUATION AND MANAGE-**
2 **MENT OF CHRONIC PAIN TO BE INCLUDED IN**
3 **THE WELCOME TO MEDICARE INITIAL PRE-**
4 **VENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(ww) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ww)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and the
8 evaluation and management of chronic pain (as de-
9 fined in paragraph (4)),” before “but does not in-
10 clude”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(4) For purposes of paragraph (1), the term ‘evalua-
14 tion and management of chronic pain’ means, with respect
15 to an individual—

16 “(A) an evaluation of pain of the individual, in-
17 cluding the severity of pain (such as the extent to
18 which the individual is disabled or unable to enjoy
19 activities of daily life by reason of the pain);

20 “(B) the provision of verbal or written informa-
21 tion regarding non-opioid treatment options for the
22 treatment and management of any chronic pain of
23 the individual, including the elements of a chronic
24 pain management plan; and

25 “(C) a referral to a pain management specialist
26 as indicated and if requested by the individual.”.

1 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to initial preventive
3 physical examinations furnished on or after **[____]**.