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To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide revised standards for quality assurance in screening and evaluation of gynecologic cytology preparations, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 28, 2007

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee (for himself, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Ms. FOXX, Ms. HERSETH, and Mr. DEAL of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the `Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007'.

SEC. 2. REVISED STANDARDS FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE IN SCREENING AND EVALUATION OF GYNECOLOGIC CYTOLOGY PREPARATIONS.

(a) In General- Section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a(f)(4)(B)(iv)) is amended to read as follows:

`(iv) requirements that each clinical laboratory--

`(I) ensure that all individuals involved in screening and

interpreting cytological preparations at the laboratory participate annually in a continuing medical education program in gynecologic cytology that--

`(aa) is approved by the Accrediting Council for Continuing Medical Education or the American Academy of Continuing Medical Education, and

`(bb) provides each individual participating in the program with gynecologic cytologic preparations (in the form of referenced glass slides or equivalent technologies) designed to improve the locator, recognition and interpretive skills of the individual, and

`(II) maintain a record of the cytology continuing medical education results of each individual involved in screening and interpreting cytological preparations at the laboratory,'.

(b) Effective Date and Implementation; Termination of Current Program of Individual Proficiency Testing-

(1) EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION- Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendment made by subsection (a) applies to gynecologic cytology services provided on or after the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (hereafter in this subsection referred to as the `Secretary') shall issue final regulations implementing such amendment not later than 270 days after such date of enactment.

(2) TERMINATION OF CURRENT INDIVIDUAL PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM- As of the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall terminate the individual proficiency testing program established pursuant to section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a(f)(4)(B)(iv)), as in effect before the enactment of this section.

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