

**Explanation of Changes Reflected in the Chairman’s  
Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to  
H.R. 6130, *Alzheimer’s Screening and Prevention Act***

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The Chairman’s amendment in the nature of a substitute includes the following changes to H.R. 6130 as introduced:

1. Page 1, line 5: Strike “of 2025”.
2. Page 2, line 7 through Page 3, line 13: Strike all and insert “(A) in subparagraph (JJ), by striking “and” at the end;  
(B) in subparagraph (KK), by adding “and” at the end; and  
(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:  
“(LL) Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias early detection screening tests (as defined in subsection (ooo));”; and  
(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:  
“(ooo) Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias early detection screening tests.—  
“(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias early detection screening test’ means a test furnished to an individual for the detection of the pre-symptomatic or early stage of Alzheimer’s disease or related dementias on or after January 1, 2028, that—  
“(A) is cleared under section 510(k), classified under section 513(f)(2), or approved under section 515 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;  
“(B) is a blood test, including a genomic sequencing blood test or a blood product test;  
and  
“(C) the Secretary determines is—  
“(i) reasonable and necessary for the prevention or early detection of an illness or disability; and  
“(ii) appropriate for individuals entitled to benefits under part A or enrolled under part B.  
“(2) NCD PROCESS.—In making determinations under paragraph (1)(C) regarding the coverage of a new test, the Secretary shall use the process for making national coverage determinations (as defined in section 1869(f)(1)(B)) under this title.”.”
3. Page 3, line 14 through 18: Strike all and insert “(b) Payment.—  
(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:  
“(bb) Payment and standards for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias early detection screening tests.—  
“(1) PAYMENT AMOUNT.—The payment amount for an Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias early detection screening test (as defined in section 1861(ooo)) is equal to the payment amount determined for such test under section 1834A.  
“(2) LIMITATIONS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subparagraph (C), no payment may be made under this part for an Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias early detection screening test furnished during a year to an individual if—

“(i) such individual is not at an elevated risk for Alzheimer’s disease or a related dementia;

“(ii) such individual—

“(I) is under 50 years of age; or

“(II) as of January 1 of such year, has attained the age specified in subparagraph (B) for such year; or

“(iii) such a test was furnished to the individual during the previous 59 months.

“(B) AGE SPECIFIED.—For purposes of subparagraph (A)(ii)(II), the age specified in this subparagraph is—

“(i) for 2028, 65 years of age; and

“(ii) for a succeeding year, the age specified in this subparagraph for the preceding year, increased by 1 year.

“(C) STANDARDS FOLLOWING USPSTF RATING OF A OR B.—In the case of an Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias early detection screening test that is recommended with a grade of A or B by the United States Preventive Services Task Force, beginning on the date on which coverage for such test is provided pursuant to section 1861(ddd)(1), the preceding provisions of this paragraph shall not apply.”.

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Section 1833 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended—

(i) in subsection (a)—

(I) in paragraph (1)(D)(i)(I), by striking “or (aa)” and inserting “, (aa), or (bb)”; and

(II) in paragraph (2)(D)(i)(I), by striking “or (aa)” and inserting “, (aa), or (bb)”; and

(ii) in subsection (h)(1)(A), by striking “and (aa)” and inserting “, (aa), and (bb)”.

(B) Section 1862(a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(1)(A)) is amended—

(i) by striking “or multi-cancer” and inserting “multi-cancer”; and

(ii) by inserting “, or Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias early detection screening tests (as defined in section 1861(ooo))” after “(as defined in section 1861(nnn))”.

SEC. 3. Cognitive impairment detection benefit in the Medicare annual wellness visit and initial preventive physical examination.

(a) Annual wellness visit.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(hhh)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hhh)(2)) is amended by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following:

“(D) Detection of any cognitive impairment that shall—

“(i) be performed using one of the cognitive assessment tools identified by the National Institute on Aging as meeting its criteria for selecting instruments to detect cognitive impairment; and

“(ii) include documentation of the tool used for cognitive assessment and results of such assessment in the individual’s medical record.”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to annual wellness visits furnished on or after January 1, 2028.

(b) Initial preventive physical examination.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(ww)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ww)(1)) is amended by striking “agreement with the individual, and” and inserting “agreement with the individual, detection of any cognitive impairment as described in subsection (hhh)(2)(D), and”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall apply to initial preventive physical examinations furnished on or after January 1, 2028.

Amend the long title so as to read: “To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias early detection screening tests under the Medicare program, and to provide for certain cognitive impairment detection in the Medicare annual wellness visit and initial preventive physical examination.”.