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# H. R. 6114

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 14, 2018

Mr. KING of New York (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. FASO, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. NADLER, Mr. DONOVAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. MEEKS, Ms. MOORE, Mr. ENGEL, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Ms. MENG, Ms. ESTY of Connecticut, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. KEATING, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. KIND, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, and Mr. TED LIEU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with metastatic breast cancer, and for other purposes.

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. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Metastatic Breast Can-  
3 cer Access to Care Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR INDIVID-**  
5 **UALS WITH METASTATIC BREAST CANCER.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223 of the Social Security  
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 423) is amended—

8           (1) in subsection (a)—

9               (A) in paragraph (1), in the matter fol-  
10               lowing subparagraph (E), by striking “or (ii)”  
11               and inserting “(ii) in the case of an individual  
12               who has been medically determined to have  
13               metastatic breast cancer, for each month begin-  
14               ning with the first month during all of which  
15               the individual is under a disability and in which  
16               the individual becomes entitled to such insur-  
17               ance benefits, or (iii)”;

18               (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “or  
19               (iii)” after “clause (ii)”.

20       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
21 this section shall apply with respect to applications for dis-  
22 ability insurance benefits filed after the date of the enact-  
23 ment of this Act.

1 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF 24-MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR MEDI-**  
2 **CARE COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH**  
3 **METASTATIC BREAST CANCER.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 226(h) of the Social Secu-  
5 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 426(h)) is amended by inserting “or  
6 metastatic breast cancer” after “amyotrophic lateral sle-  
7 rosis (ALS)”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
9 this section shall apply to benefits for months beginning  
10 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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