113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow retail community pharmacies to deliver diabetic testing supplies to Medicare beneficiaries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Welch 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,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Diabetic Testing Sup-
5 ply Access Act of 2013”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. AUTHORITY FOR RETAIL COMMUNITY PHARMACIES TO DELIVER DIABETIC TESTING SUPPLIES TO MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1847(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–3(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the Secretary (through regulation, guidance, instruction, or otherwise) to restrict or eliminate an individual’s option of electing, regardless of delivery method (except by mail), to have diabetic testing supplies delivered to the individual by a retail community pharmacy (as defined in section 1927(k)(10)), including a retail community pharmacy that contracts with a long-term care facility, assisted living facility, group home, or other type of residential setting recognized by the State. This paragraph shall not be construed as changing the amount of payment made under this part for diabetic testing supplies, but only as authorizing delivery of such supplies to individuals through retail community pharmacies.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to diabetic testing supplies delivered on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.