

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To provide for a study by the National Academy of Medicine on the use of genetic testing to improve health care, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. SWALWELL of California 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 “_____ Act of
5 2017”.

6 **SEC. 2. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MEDICINE STUDY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
8 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health
9 and Human Services shall enter into an arrangement with

1 the National Academy of Medicine under which the Acad-
2 emy agrees to study—

3 (1) how genetic testing may improve preventa-
4 tive care measures and precision medicine initiatives;

5 (2) how the Federal Government may—

6 (A) encourage the expansion of health in-
7 surance coverage of genetic testing, including
8 diagnostic, predictive, presymptomatic, and
9 whole genome sequencing;

10 (B) support the development of evidence
11 for the clinical utility of genetic tests; and

12 (C) strengthen related workforce training
13 efforts, including increasing the number of ge-
14 netic counselors;

15 (3) how genetic testing may improve the health
16 outcomes for all populations in the United States,
17 including—

18 (A) those with a rare disease; and

19 (B) infants and children in intensive care;

20 (4) how the utilization of genetic testing may
21 reduce health care expenditures over time;

22 (5) how the current coverage determination
23 framework under the Medicare and Medicaid pro-
24 grams may restrain the use of genetic tests that may
25 improve clinical outcomes; and

1 (6) how the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
2 Services may make coverage determinations that
3 better suit a precision medicine approach to treat-
4 ment.

5 (b) REPORT.—The arrangement under subsection (a)
6 shall provide for submission by the National Academy of
7 Medicine to the Secretary of Health and Human Services
8 and Congress, not later than 20 months after the date
9 of enactment of this Act, of a report on the results of the
10 study.