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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for eligibility for coverage of home health services under the Medicare program on the basis of a need for occupational therapy.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER (for himself, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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 “Medicare Home Health
5 Accessibility Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES ON THE**
2 **BASIS OF A NEED FOR OCCUPATIONAL THER-**
3 **APY.**

4 (a) PART A.—Section 1814(a)(2)(C) of the Social Se-
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395f(a)(2)(C)) is amended by
6 striking “or speech therapy” and all that follows through
7 “need occupational therapy” and inserting “, occupa-
8 tional, or speech therapy”.

9 (b) PART B.—Section 1835(a)(2)(A) of the Social
10 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395n(a)(2)(A)) is amended by
11 striking “or speech therapy” and all that follows through
12 “need occupational therapy” and inserting “, occupa-
13 tional, or speech therapy”.

14 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsections (a) and (b) shall apply to home health services
16 provided on or after January 1, 2026.

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