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To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental and oral health services, vision services, and hearing services under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. ALSOBROOKS (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental and oral health services, vision services, and hearing services under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

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 and Medicaid  
5 Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES UNDER**  
 2 **MEDICARE.**

3 (a) **COVERAGE.**—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se-  
 4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (JJ), by inserting “and”  
 6 after the semicolon at the end; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 8 paragraph:

9 “(KK) dental and oral health services (as de-  
 10 fined in subsection (nnn));”.

11 (b) **DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES DE-**  
 12 **FINED.**—Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42  
 13 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 14 lowing new subsection:

15 “Dental and Oral Health Services  
 16 “(nnn) The term ‘dental and oral health services’  
 17 means—

18 “(1) routine dental cleanings and exams;

19 “(2) basic dental services, such as fillings and  
 20 crowns;

21 “(3) major dental services, such as root canals,  
 22 and extractions;

23 “(4) emergency dental care; and

24 “(5) other necessary services related to dental  
 25 or oral health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

26 (c) **PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.**—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the  
2       Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is  
3       amended—

4           (A) by striking “and” before “(HH)”; and

5           (B) by inserting before the semicolon at  
6       the end the following: “, and (II) with respect  
7       to dental and oral health services (as defined in  
8       section 1861(nnn)), the amount paid shall be  
9       the payment amount specified under section  
10      1834(aa)”.

11          (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section  
12      1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m)  
13      is amended by adding at the end the following new  
14      subsection:

15      “(aa) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR DENTAL AND ORAL  
16      HEALTH SERVICES.—

17          “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount  
18      under this part for dental and oral health services  
19      (as defined in section 1861(nnn)) shall be, subject to  
20      paragraph (3), the applicable percent (specified in  
21      paragraph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for  
22      the services or the amount determined under the  
23      payment basis determined under section 1848.

1           “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of  
2       paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in  
3       this paragraph is—

4           “(A) for the first year beginning at least 6  
5       months after the date of the enactment of this  
6       subsection, 0 percent;

7           “(B) for the year following the year speci-  
8       fied in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent  
9       year through the seventh year following the  
10      year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-  
11      ble percent specified in this paragraph for the  
12      previous year increased by 10 percentage  
13      points; and

14          “(C) for the eighth year following the year  
15      specified in subparagraph (A) and each subse-  
16      quent year, 80 percent.

17          “(3) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHOR-  
18      ITY.—

19          “(A) FREQUENCY.—With respect to dental  
20      and oral health services that are—

21              “(i) routine dental cleanings, payment  
22              may be made under this part for only two  
23              such cleanings during a 12-month period;  
24              and

1 “(ii) routine exams, payment may be  
 2 made under this part for only two such  
 3 exams during a 12-month period.

4 “(B) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

5 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-  
 6 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may  
 7 apply such other reasonable limitations on  
 8 the extent to which dental and oral services  
 9 are covered under this part, including  
 10 through application of a prior authoriza-  
 11 tion requirement.

12 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-  
 13 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
 14 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-  
 15 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-  
 16 ify the coverage under this part of dental  
 17 and oral health services to the extent that  
 18 such modification is consistent with the  
 19 recommendations of the United States Pre-  
 20 ventive Services Task Force.”.

21 (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—  
 22 Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 23 1395w-4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting “(2)(KK),” be-  
 24 fore “(3)”.

25 (e) DENTURES.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(8) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(8)) is amended—

(A) by striking “(other than dental)” and inserting “(including dentures)”; and

(B) by striking “internal body”.

(2) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES.—Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(23) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR DENTURES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount under this part for dentures shall be, subject to subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount otherwise payable for such dentures under this section.

“(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the applicable percent specified in this subparagraph is—

“(i) for the first year beginning at least 6 months after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

“(ii) for the year following the year specified in clause (i) and each subsequent

year through the seventh year following the year specified in clause (i), the applicable percent specified in this subparagraph for the previous year increased by 10 percentage points; and

“(iii) for the eighth year following the year specified in clause (i) and each subsequent year, 80 percent.

“(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be made under this part for an individual for—

“(I) not more than one full upper and one full lower denture once every five years; and

“(II) not more than one partial upper denture and one partial lower denture once every five years.

“(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may apply such other reasonable limitations on the extent to which dentures are covered under this part, in-

1 cluding through application of a prior  
 2 authorization requirement.

3 “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY  
 4 COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any  
 5 other provision of this title, if the Sec-  
 6 retary determines appropriate, the  
 7 Secretary may modify the coverage  
 8 under this part of dentures to the ex-  
 9 tent that such modification is con-  
 10 sistent with the recommendations of  
 11 the United States Preventive Services  
 12 Task Force.”.

13 (f) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—Section  
 14 1862(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y) is  
 15 amended by striking paragraph (12).

16 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 17 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after  
 18 January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months  
 19 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

20 **SEC. 3. VISION SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE.**

21 (a) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se-  
 22 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as amended by section  
 23 2(a), is amended—

24 (1) in subparagraph (JJ), by striking “and”  
 25 after the semicolon at the end;



1 (2) in subparagraph (KK), by inserting “and”  
 2 after the semicolon at the end; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 4 paragraph:

5 “(LL) vision services (as defined in subsection  
 6 (mmm));”.

7 (b) VISION SERVICES DEFINED.—Section 1861 of  
 8 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x), as amended  
 9 by section 2(b), is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 10 lowing new subsection:

11 “Vision Services

12 “(ooo) The term ‘vision services’ means—

13 “(1) routine eye examinations and procedures  
 14 performed (during the course of any eye examina-  
 15 tion) to determine the refractive state of the eyes;  
 16 and

17 “(2) other necessary services related to eye and  
 18 vision health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

19 (c) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the  
 21 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as  
 22 amended by section 2(c)(1), is amended—

23 (A) by striking “and” before “(II)”; and

24 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at  
 25 the end the following: “, and (JJ) with respect

1 to vision services (as defined in section  
 2 1861(mmm)), the amount paid shall be the  
 3 payment amount specified under section  
 4 1834(bb)”.

5 (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section  
 6 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m),  
 7 as amended by section 2(c)(2), is amended by add-  
 8 ing at the end the following new subsection:

9 “(bb) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR VISION SERV-  
 10 ICES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount  
 12 under this part for vision services (as defined in sec-  
 13 tion 1861(mmm)) shall be, subject to paragraph (3),  
 14 the applicable percent (specified in paragraph (2)) of  
 15 the lesser of the actual charge for the services or the  
 16 amount determined under the payment basis deter-  
 17 mined under section 1848.

18 “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of  
 19 paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in  
 20 this paragraph is—

21 “(A) for the first year beginning at least 6  
 22 months after the date of the enactment of this  
 23 subsection, 0 percent;

24 “(B) for the year following the year speci-  
 25 fied in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent

1 year through the seventh year following the  
2 year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-  
3 ble percent specified in this paragraph for the  
4 previous year increased by 10 percentage  
5 points; and

6 “(C) for the eighth year following the year  
7 specified in subparagraph (A) and each subse-  
8 quent year, 80 percent.

9 “(3) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHOR-  
10 ITY.—

11 “(A) FREQUENCY.—With respect to rou-  
12 tine eye exams, payment may be made under  
13 this part for only one such exam during a 12-  
14 month period.

15 “(B) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

16 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-  
17 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may  
18 apply other reasonable limitations on the  
19 extent to which vision services are covered  
20 under this part, including through applica-  
21 tion of a prior authorization requirement.

22 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-  
23 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
24 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-  
25 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-

1           ify the coverage under this part of vision  
 2           services to the extent that such modifica-  
 3           tion is consistent with the recommenda-  
 4           tions of the United States Preventive Serv-  
 5           ices Task Force.”.

6           (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—  
 7   Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 8   1395w–4(j)(3)), as amended by section 2(d), is amended  
 9   by inserting “(2)(LL),” after “(2)(KK),”.

10          (e) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES FOR EYEGLASSES,  
 11   CONTACT LENSES, AND LOW VISION DEVICES.—Section  
 12   1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)),  
 13   as amended by section 2(e)(2), is amended by adding at  
 14   the end the following new paragraphs:

15                 “(24) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR EYEGLASSES  
 16                 AND CONTACT LENSES.—

17                         “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount  
 18           under this part for eyeglass lenses, eyeglass  
 19           frames, and contact lenses shall be, subject to  
 20           subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (speci-  
 21           fied in subparagraph (B)) of the amount other-  
 22           wise payable for such eyeglass lenses, eyeglass  
 23           frames, and contact lenses, respectively, under  
 24           this section.

1           “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-  
 2           poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-  
 3           cent specified in this subparagraph is—

4                   “(i) for the first year beginning at  
 5                   least 6 months after the date of the enact-  
 6                   ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

7                   “(ii) for the year following the year  
 8                   specified in clause (i) and each subsequent  
 9                   year through the seventh year following the  
 10                  year specified in clause (i), the applicable  
 11                  percent specified in this subparagraph for  
 12                  the previous year increased by 10 percent-  
 13                  age points; and

14                  “(iii) for the eighth year following the  
 15                  year specified in clause (i) and each subse-  
 16                  quent year, 80 percent.

17           “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-  
 18           THORITY.—

19                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be  
 20                   made under this part (other than for  
 21                   eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8))  
 22                   for an individual for—

23                           “(I) not more than one pair of  
 24                           eyeglass lenses during any 12-month  
 25                           period;

1 “(II) not more than one set of  
2 eyeglass frames during any 24-month  
3 period; and

4 “(III) contact lenses, only to the  
5 extent that the sum of such payments  
6 for contact lenses does not exceed a  
7 limitation of \$200 during any 24-  
8 month period beginning during the  
9 first year beginning at least six  
10 months after the date of the enact-  
11 ment of this paragraph (or, beginning  
12 during a subsequent year, such limita-  
13 tion for a 24-month period beginning  
14 in the previous year increase by an  
15 appropriate inflation adjustment spec-  
16 ified by the Secretary).

17 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

18 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-  
19 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary  
20 may apply such other reasonable limi-  
21 tations on the extent to which eye-  
22 glass lenses, eyeglass frames, and con-  
23 tact lenses are covered under this  
24 part, including through application of  
25 a prior authorization requirement.

1                   “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY  
2                   COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any  
3                   other provision of this title, if the Sec-  
4                   retary determines appropriate, the  
5                   Secretary may modify the coverage  
6                   under this part of eyeglass lenses, eye-  
7                   glass frames, and contact lenses to  
8                   the extent that such modification is  
9                   consistent with the recommendations  
10                  of the United States Preventive Serv-  
11                  ices Task Force.

12               “(25) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR LOW VISION  
13               DEVICES.—

14               “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount  
15               under this part for low vision devices shall be,  
16               subject to subparagraph (C), the applicable per-  
17               cent (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the  
18               amount otherwise payable for low vision devices  
19               under this section.

20               “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-  
21               poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-  
22               cent specified in this subparagraph is—

23               “(i) for the first year beginning at  
24               least 6 months after the date of the enact-  
25               ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

1 “(ii) for the year following the year  
2 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent  
3 year through the seventh year following the  
4 year specified in clause (i), the applicable  
5 percent specified in this subparagraph for  
6 the previous year increased by 10 percent-  
7 age points; and

8 “(iii) for the eighth year following the  
9 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-  
10 quent year, 80 percent.

11 “(C) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

12 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY LIMITA-  
13 TIONS.—The Secretary may apply reason-  
14 able limitations on the extent to which low  
15 vision devices are covered under this part,  
16 including through application of a prior  
17 authorization requirement.

18 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-  
19 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
20 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-  
21 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-  
22 ify the coverage under this part of low vi-  
23 sion devices to the extent that such modi-  
24 fication is consistent with the recommenda-



1                   tions of the United States Preventive Serv-  
2                   ices Task Force.

3                   “(D) LOW VISION DEVICE DEFINED.—In  
4                   this paragraph, the term ‘low vision device’  
5                   means a device, prescribed by a physician, that  
6                   magnifies, enhances, or otherwise augments or  
7                   interprets visual images irrespective of the size,  
8                   form, or technological features of such device  
9                   and does not include ordinary eyeglasses or con-  
10                  tact lenses. In the previous sentence, the term  
11                  ‘ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses’ means  
12                  lenses that are intended to fully correct visual  
13                  acuity or fully eliminate refractive error.”.

14                  (f) DEFINITION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT  
15                  TO INCLUDE EYEGLASSES, CONTACT LENSES, AND LOW  
16                  VISION DEVICES.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Security  
17                  Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended—

18                   (1) by striking “and” before “eye tracking” and  
19                   inserting a comma; and

20                   (2) by inserting “, and eyeglass lenses, low vi-  
21                   sion devices (as defined in section 1834(a)(25)), eye-  
22                   glass frames, and contact lenses” before “; except”.

23                  (g) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—Section  
24                  1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
25                  1395y(a)(7)) is amended by striking “, eyeglasses (other

1 than eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8)) or eye ex-  
 2 aminations for the purpose of prescribing, fitting, or  
 3 changing eyeglasses, procedures performed (during the  
 4 course of any eye examination) to determine the refractive  
 5 state of the eyes”.

6 (h) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
 7 this section shall apply to services furnished on or after  
 8 January 1 of the first year beginning at least 6 months  
 9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 4. HEARING SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE.**

11 (a) COVERAGE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the  
 13 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as  
 14 amended by sections 2(a) and 3(a), is amended—

15 (A) in subparagraph (KK), by striking  
 16 “and” after the semicolon at the end;

17 (B) in subparagraph (LL), by inserting  
 18 “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
 20 subparagraph:

21 “(MM) audiology services (as defined in sub-  
 22 section (ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in  
 23 subsection (ll)(5));”.

1           (2) HEARING SERVICES DEFINED.—Section  
 2       1861(ll) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 3       1395x(ll)) is amended—

4                   (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting  
 5           “; HEARING SERVICES” after “AUDIOLOGY  
 6           SERVICES”; and

7                   (B) by adding at the end the following new  
 8       paragraph:

9       “(5) The term ‘hearing services’ means—

10           “(A) routine hearing exams and exams for  
 11       hearing aids; and

12           “(B) other necessary services related to hearing  
 13       health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

14       (b) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

15           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the  
 16       Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as  
 17       amended by sections 2(c)(1) and 3(c)(1), is amend-  
 18       ed—

19                   (A) by striking “and” before “(JJ)”; and

20                   (B) by inserting before the semicolon at  
 21       the end the following: “, and (KK) with respect  
 22       to audiology services (as defined in section  
 23       1861(ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in  
 24       section 1861(ll)(5)), the amount paid shall be

1           the payment amount specified under section  
2           1834(cc)''.

3           (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section  
4           1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m),  
5           as amended by sections 2(c)(2) and 3(c)(2), is  
6           amended by adding at the end the following new  
7           subsection:

8           “(cc) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR HEARING SERV-  
9           ICES.—

10           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount  
11           under this part for audiology services (as defined in  
12           section 1861(ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined  
13           in section 1861(ll)(5)), shall be, subject to para-  
14           graph (3), the applicable percent (specified in para-  
15           graph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for the  
16           services or the amount determined under the pay-  
17           ment basis determined under section 1848.

18           “(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of  
19           paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in  
20           this paragraph is—

21           “(A) for the first year beginning at least 6  
22           months after the date of the enactment of this  
23           subsection, 0 percent;

24           “(B) for the year following the year speci-  
25           fied in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent

1 year through the seventh year following the  
2 year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-  
3 ble percent specified in this paragraph for the  
4 previous year increased by 10 percentage  
5 points; and

6 “(C) for the eighth year following the year  
7 specified in subparagraph (A) and each subse-  
8 quent year, 80 percent.

9 “(3) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

10 “(A) AUTHORITY TO APPLY LIMITA-  
11 TIONS.—The Secretary may apply reasonable  
12 limitations on the extent to which audiology  
13 services and hearing services are covered under  
14 this part, including through application of a  
15 prior authorization requirement.

16 “(B) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COVERAGE.—  
17 Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
18 title, if the Secretary determines appropriate,  
19 the Secretary may modify the coverage under  
20 this part of audiology services and hearing serv-  
21 ices to the extent that such modification is con-  
22 sistent with the recommendations of the United  
23 States Preventive Services Task Force.”.

24 (c) PAYMENT UNDER THE PHYSICIAN FEE SCHED-  
25 ULE.—Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42

1 U.S.C. 1395w-4(j)(3)), as amended by sections 2(d) and  
 2 3(d), is amended by inserting “(2)(MM),” after  
 3 “(2)(LL),”.

4 (d) HEARING AIDS.—

5 (1) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—

6 Section 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42  
 7 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(7)), as amended by section 3(g), is  
 8 amended by striking “, hearing aids or examinations  
 9 therefor,”.

10 (2) DEFINITION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIP-  
 11 MENT TO INCLUDE HEARING AIDS.—Section 1861(n)  
 12 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)), as  
 13 amended by section 3(f), is amended by inserting  
 14 “hearing aids,” before “and eyeglass lenses”.

15 (3) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES FOR HEARING  
 16 AIDS.—Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act  
 17 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)), as amended by sections  
 18 2(e)(2) and 3(e), is amended by adding at the end  
 19 the following new paragraph:

20 “(26) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR HEARING  
 21 AIDS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount  
 23 under this part for hearing aids shall be, sub-  
 24 ject to subparagraph (C), the applicable percent  
 25 (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount

1 otherwise payable for hearing aids under this  
 2 section.

3 “(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-  
 4 poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-  
 5 cent specified in this subparagraph is—

6 “(i) for the first year beginning at  
 7 least 6 months after the date of the enact-  
 8 ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

9 “(ii) for the year following the year  
 10 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent  
 11 year through the seventh year following the  
 12 year specified in clause (i), the applicable  
 13 percent specified in this subparagraph for  
 14 the previous year increased by 10 percent-  
 15 age points; and

16 “(iii) for the eighth year following the  
 17 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-  
 18 quent year, 80 percent.

19 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-  
 20 THORITY.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be  
 22 made under this part for an individual for  
 23 not more than one hearing aid per ear dur-  
 24 ing a 48-month period.

25 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

1                   “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-  
2                   TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary  
3                   may apply additional limitations on  
4                   the extent to which hearing aids are  
5                   covered under this part, including  
6                   through application of a prior author-  
7                   ization requirement and through ap-  
8                   plication of criteria for a minimum  
9                   level of hearing loss for coverage of an  
10                  initial or replacement hearing aid.

11                  “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY  
12                  COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any  
13                  other provision of this title, if the Sec-  
14                  retary determines appropriate, the  
15                  Secretary may modify the coverage  
16                  under this part of hearing aids to the  
17                  extent that such modification is con-  
18                  sistent with the recommendations of  
19                  the United States Preventive Services  
20                  Task Force.”.

21                  (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
22                  this section shall apply to services furnished on or after  
23                  January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months  
24                  after the date of the enactment of this Act.



1 **SEC. 5. INCREASED FMAP FOR COVERAGE OF DENTAL AND**  
 2 **ORAL HEALTH SERVICES, VISION SERVICES,**  
 3 **AND HEARING SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID.**

4 Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 5 1396d) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (10), by inserting “,  
 8 which may include any dental and oral health  
 9 service (as defined in section 1861(nnn))” after  
 10 “dental services”;

11 (B) in paragraph (13)—

12 (i) in subparagraph (B), by striking “;  
 13 and” and inserting a semicolon;

14 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking  
 15 the semicolon and inserting “; and”; and

16 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-  
 17 lowing new subparagraph:

18 “(D) any service that is a vision service (as  
 19 defined in section 1861(ooo)) or a hearing serv-  
 20 ice (as defined in section 1861(ll)(5));”;

21 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “and (ii)” and  
 22 inserting “(ii), and (kk)”; and

23 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
 24 section:

1       “(kk) INCREASED FMAP FOR EXPENDITURES FOR  
 2 DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES, VISION SERV-  
 3 ICES, AND HEARING SERVICES.—

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection  
 5 (b), the Federal medical assistance percentage with  
 6 respect to amounts expended by a State for medical  
 7 assistance for services described in paragraph (2)  
 8 shall be equal to 90 percent.

9           “(2) SERVICES DESCRIBED.—A service de-  
 10 scribed in this paragraph is any service that—

11           “(A) is furnished on or after January 1 of  
 12 the first calendar year that begins at least 6  
 13 months after the date of the enactment of this  
 14 subsection;

15           “(B) is not furnished to an individual who  
 16 is—

17           “(i) under the age of 21; and

18           “(ii) eligible for medical assistance for  
 19 the services described in subsection  
 20 (a)(4)(B); and

21           “(C) is—

22           “(i) a dental and oral health service  
 23 (as defined in section 1861(nnn));

24           “(ii) a vision service (as defined in  
 25 section 1861(ooo)); or

- 1 “(iii) a hearing service (as defined in
- 2 section 1861(11)(5)).”.

