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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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Mr. CASEY (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. FETTERMAN, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 2023”.

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 (II), by striking “and”
 6 after the semicolon at the end;

7 (2) in subparagraph (JJ), by adding “and”
 8 after the semicolon at the end; and

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

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

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

17 “Dental and Oral Health Services

18 “(nnn) The term ‘dental and oral health services’
 19 means—

20 “(1) routine dental cleanings and exams;

21 “(2) basic dental services, such as fillings and
 22 crowns;

23 “(3) major dental services, such as root canals,
 24 and extractions;

25 “(4) emergency dental care; and

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

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

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

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

8 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
9 the end the following: “, and (II) with respect
10 to dental and oral health services (as defined in
11 section 1861(nnn)), the amount paid shall be
12 the payment amount specified under section
13 1834(aa)”.

14 (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section
15 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m)
16 is amended by adding at the end the following new
17 subsection:

18 “(aa) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR DENTAL AND ORAL
19 HEALTH SERVICES.—

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

the services or the amount determined under the
payment basis determined under section 1848.

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

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

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

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

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

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

“(i) routine dental cleanings, payment
may be made under this part for only two

1 such cleanings during a 12-month period;
2 and

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

6 “(B) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

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

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

23 (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—

24 Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1395w-4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting “(2)(KK),” be-
 2 fore “(3)”.

3 (e) DENTURES.—

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

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

9 (B) by striking “internal body”.

10 (2) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES.—Section
 11 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 12 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(23) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR DENTURES.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
 16 under this part for dentures shall be, subject to
 17 subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (speci-
 18 fied in subparagraph (B)) of the amount other-
 19 wise payable for such dentures under this sec-
 20 tion.

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

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

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

11 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
 12 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
 13 quent year, 80 percent.

14 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-
 15 THORITY.—

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

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

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

25 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

1 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
2 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary
3 may apply such other reasonable limi-
4 tations on the extent to which den-
5 tures are covered under this part, in-
6 cluding through application of a prior
7 authorization requirement.

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

18 (f) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—Section
19 1862(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y) is
20 amended by striking paragraph (12).

21 (g) 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. 3. VISION SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE.**

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

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

7 (2) in subparagraph (KK), by adding “and”
 8 after the semicolon at the end; and

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

11 “(LL) vision services (as defined in subsection
 12 (mmm));”.

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

17 “Vision Services

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

19 “(1) routine eye examinations and procedures
 20 performed (during the course of any eye examina-
 21 tion) to determine the refractive state of the eyes;
 22 and

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

25 (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)), as
 3 amended by section 2(c)(1), is amended—

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

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

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

15 “(bb) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR VISION SERV-
 16 ICES.—

17 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
 18 under this part for vision services (as defined in sec-
 19 tion 1861(mmm)) shall be, subject to paragraph (3),
 20 the applicable percent (specified in paragraph (2)) of
 21 the lesser of the actual charge for the services or the
 22 amount determined under the payment basis deter-
 23 mined 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 rou-
 20 tine eye exams, payment may be made under
 21 this part for only one such exam during a 12-
 22 month period.

23 “(B) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

24 “(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
 25 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may

1 apply other reasonable limitations on the
 2 extent to which vision services are covered
 3 under this part, including through applica-
 4 tion of a prior authorization requirement.

5 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-
 6 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
 7 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-
 8 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-
 9 ify the coverage under this part of vision
 10 services to the extent that such modifica-
 11 tion is consistent with the recommenda-
 12 tions of the United States Preventive Serv-
 13 ices Task Force.”.

14 (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—
 15 Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 16 1395w-4(j)(3)), as amended by section 2(d), is amended
 17 by inserting “(2)(LL),” after “(2)(KK),”.

18 (e) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES FOR EYEGLASSES,
 19 CONTACT LENSES, AND LOW VISION DEVICES.—Section
 20 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)),
 21 as amended by section 2(e)(2), is amended by adding at
 22 the end the following new paragraphs:

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

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
2 under this part for eyeglass lenses, eyeglass
3 frames, and contact lenses shall be, subject to
4 subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (speci-
5 fied in subparagraph (B)) of the amount other-
6 wise payable for such eyeglass lenses, eyeglass
7 frames, and contact lenses, respectively, under
8 this section.

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

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

15 “(ii) for the year following the year
16 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
17 year through the seventh year following the
18 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
19 percent specified in this subparagraph for
20 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
21 age points; and

22 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
23 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
24 quent year, 80 percent.

1 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-
2 THORITY.—

3 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be
4 made under this part (other than for
5 eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8))
6 for an individual for—

7 “(I) not more than one pair of
8 eyeglass lenses during any 12-month
9 period;

10 “(II) not more than one set of
11 eyeglass frames during any 24-month
12 period; and

13 “(III) contact lenses, only to the
14 extent that the sum of such payments
15 for contact lenses does not exceed a
16 limitation of \$200 during any 24-
17 month period beginning during the
18 first year beginning at least six
19 months after the date of the enact-
20 ment of this paragraph (or, beginning
21 during a subsequent year, such limita-
22 tion for a 24-month period beginning
23 in the previous year increase by an
24 appropriate inflation adjustment spec-
25 ified by the Secretary).

1 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

2 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
3 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary
4 may apply such other reasonable limi-
5 tations on the extent to which eye-
6 glass lenses, eyeglass frames, and con-
7 tact lenses are covered under this
8 part, including through application of
9 a prior authorization requirement.

10 “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY
11 COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of this title, if the Sec-
13 retary determines appropriate, the
14 Secretary may modify the coverage
15 under this part of eyeglass lenses, eye-
16 glass frames, and contact lenses to
17 the extent that such modification is
18 consistent with the recommendations
19 of the United States Preventive Serv-
20 ices Task Force.

21 “(25) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR LOW VISION
22 DEVICES.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
24 under this part for low vision devices shall be,
25 subject to subparagraph (C), the applicable per-

cent (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount otherwise payable for low vision devices 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) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may apply reasonable limitations on the extent to which low vision devices are covered under this part,

1 including through application of a prior
 2 authorization requirement.

3 “(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-
 4 ERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
 5 sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-
 6 mines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-
 7 ify the coverage under this part of low vi-
 8 sion devices to the extent that such modi-
 9 fication is consistent with the recommenda-
 10 tions of the United States Preventive Serv-
 11 ices Task Force.

12 “(D) LOW VISION DEVICE DEFINED.—In
 13 this paragraph, the term ‘low vision device’
 14 means a device, prescribed by a physician, that
 15 magnifies, enhances, or otherwise augments or
 16 interprets visual images irrespective of the size,
 17 form, or technological features of such device
 18 and does not include ordinary eyeglasses or con-
 19 tact lenses. In the previous sentence, the term
 20 ‘ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses’ means
 21 lenses that are intended to fully correct visual
 22 acuity or fully eliminate refractive error.”.

23 (f) DEFINITION OF DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

24 TO INCLUDE EYEGLASSES, CONTACT LENSES, AND LOW

1 VISION DEVICES.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Security
2 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended—

3 (1) by striking “and” before “eye tracking” and
4 inserting a comma; and

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

8 (g) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—Section
9 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1395y(a)(7)) is amended by striking “, eyeglasses (other
11 than eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8)) or eye ex-
12 aminations for the purpose of prescribing, fitting, or
13 changing eyeglasses, procedures performed (during the
14 course of any eye examination) to determine the refractive
15 state of the eyes”.

16 (h) 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. 4. HEARING SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE.**

21 (a) COVERAGE.—

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

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

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

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(MM) audiology services (as defined in sub-
8 section (ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in
9 subsection (ll)(5));”.

10 (2) HEARING SERVICES DEFINED.—Section
11 1861(ll) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
12 1395x(ll)) is amended—

13 (A) in the subsection heading, by inserting
14 “; HEARING SERVICES” after “AUDIOLOGY
15 SERVICES”; and

16 (B) by adding at the end the following new
17 paragraph:

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

19 “(A) routine hearing exams and exams for
20 hearing aids; and

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

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

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the
25 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as

1 amended by sections 2(c)(1) and 3(c)91), is amend-
 2 ed—

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

4 (B) by inserting before the semicolon at
 5 the end the following: “, and (KK) with respect
 6 to audiology services (as defined in section
 7 1861(ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in
 8 section 1861(ll)(5)), the amount paid shall be
 9 the payment amount specified under section
 10 1834(cc)”.

11 (2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section
 12 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m),
 13 as amended by sections 2(c)(2) and 3(c)(2), is
 14 amended by adding at the end the following new
 15 subsection:

16 “(cc) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR HEARING SERV-
 17 ICES.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
 19 under this part for audiology services (as defined in
 20 section 1861(ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined
 21 in section 1861(ll)(5)), shall be, subject to para-
 22 graph (3), the applicable percent (specified in para-
 23 graph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for the
 24 services or the amount determined under the pay-
 25 ment 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) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

18 “(A) AUTHORITY TO APPLY LIMITA-
19 TIONS.—The Secretary may apply reasonable
20 limitations on the extent to which audiology
21 services and hearing services are covered under
22 this part, including through application of a
23 prior authorization requirement.

24 “(B) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COVERAGE.—
25 Notwithstanding any other provision of this

1 title, if the Secretary determines appropriate,
 2 the Secretary may modify the coverage under
 3 this part of audiology services and hearing serv-
 4 ices to the extent that such modification is con-
 5 sistent with the recommendations of the United
 6 States Preventive Services Task Force.”.

7 (c) PAYMENT UNDER THE PHYSICIAN FEE SCHED-
 8 ULE.—Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
 9 U.S.C. 1395w–4(j)(3)), as amended by sections 2(d) and
 10 3(d), is amended by inserting “(2)(MM),” after
 11 “(2)(LL),”.

12 (d) HEARING AIDS.—

13 (1) REPEAL OF GROUND FOR EXCLUSION.—
 14 Section 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42
 15 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(7)), as amended by section 3(g), is
 16 amended by striking “, hearing aids or examinations
 17 therefor,”.

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

23 (3) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES FOR HEARING
 24 AIDS.—Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act
 25 (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)), as amended by sections

1 2(e)(2) and 3(e), is amended by adding at the end
 2 the following new paragraph:

3 “(26) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR HEARING
 4 AIDS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount
 6 under this part for hearing aids shall be, sub-
 7 ject to subparagraph (C), the applicable percent
 8 (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount
 9 otherwise payable for hearing aids under this
 10 section.

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

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

17 “(ii) for the year following the year
 18 specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
 19 year through the seventh year following the
 20 year specified in clause (i), the applicable
 21 percent specified in this subparagraph for
 22 the previous year increased by 10 percent-
 23 age points; and

1 “(iii) for the eighth year following the
 2 year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
 3 quent year, 80 percent.

4 “(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AU-
 5 THORITY.—

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

10 “(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

11 “(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDI-
 12 TIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary
 13 may apply additional limitations on
 14 the extent to which hearing aids are
 15 covered under this part, including
 16 through application of a prior author-
 17 ization requirement and through ap-
 18 plication of criteria for a minimum
 19 level of hearing loss for coverage of an
 20 initial or replacement hearing aid.

21 “(II) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY
 22 COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any
 23 other provision of this title, if the Sec-
 24 retary determines appropriate, the
 25 Secretary may modify the coverage

1 under this part of hearing aids to the
 2 extent that such modification is con-
 3 sistent with the recommendations of
 4 the United States Preventive Services
 5 Task Force.”.

6 (e) 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 six months
 9 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

10 **SEC. 5. INCREASED FMAP FOR COVERAGE OF DENTAL AND**
 11 **ORAL HEALTH SERVICES, VISION SERVICES,**
 12 **AND HEARING SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID.**

13 Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 14 1396d) is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

20 (B) in paragraph (13)—

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

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

1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 2 lowing new subparagraph:

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

6 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “and (ii)” and
 7 inserting “(ii), and (jj)”; and

8 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 9 section:

10 “(jj) INCREASED FMAP FOR EXPENDITURES FOR
 11 DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES, VISION SERV-
 12 ICES, AND HEARING SERVICES.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
 14 (b), the Federal medical assistance percentage with
 15 respect to amounts expended by a State for medical
 16 assistance for services described in paragraph (2)
 17 shall be equal to 90 percent.

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

20 “(A) is furnished on or after January 1 of
 21 the first calendar year that begins at least 6
 22 months after the date of the enactment of this
 23 subsection;

24 “(B) is not furnished to an individual who
 25 is—

1 “(i) under the age of 21; and

2 “(ii) eligible for medical assistance for
3 the services described in subsection
4 (a)(4)(B); and

5 “(C) is—

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

8 “(ii) a vision service (as defined in
9 section 1861(ooo)); or

10 “(iii) a hearing service (as defined in
11 section 1861(ll)(5)).”.

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