## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO COMMITTEE PRINT RELATING TO MEDI-CARE COVERAGE OF DENTAL, HEARING, AND **VISION SERVICES**

In lieu of the proposed recommendations, insert the following:

| 1  | Subtitle I—Medicare Coverage of                    |
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| 2  | Dental, Hearing, and Vision                        |
| 3  | Services   |
| 4  | SEC. 30901. PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR DENTAL AND ORAL |
| 5  | HEALTH CARE UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-                |
| 6  | GRAM.  |
| 7  | (a) Coverage.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se- |
| 8  | curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—     |
| 9  | (1) in subparagraph (GG), by striking "and"        |
| 10 | after the semicolon at the end;                    |
| 11 | (2) in subparagraph (HH), by striking the pe-      |
| 12 | riod at the end and adding "; and; and             |
| 13 | (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-    |
| 14 | paragraph:   |
| 15 | "(II) dental and oral health services (as defined  |
| 16 | in subsection (lll));".                            |

| 1  | (b) Dental and Oral Health Services De-                |
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| 2  | FINED.—Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42     |
| 3  | U.S.C. 1395x) is amended by adding at the end the fol- |
| 4  | lowing new subsection:                                 |
| 5  | "(lll) Dental and Oral Health Services.—               |
| 6  | "(1) IN GENERAL.—The term 'dental and oral             |
| 7  | health services' means items and services (other       |
| 8  | than such items and services for which payment may     |
| 9  | be made under part A as inpatient hospital services)   |
| 10 | that are furnished during 2028 or a subsequent         |
| 11 | year, for which coverage was not provided under        |
| 12 | part B as of the date of the enactment of this sub-    |
| 13 | section, and that are—                                 |
| 14 | "(A) the preventive and screening services             |
| 15 | described in paragraph (2) furnished by a doc-         |
| 16 | tor of dental surgery or of dental medicine (as        |
| 17 | described in subsection $(r)(2)$ or an oral health     |
| 18 | professional (as defined in paragraph (4)); or         |
| 19 | "(B) the basic treatments specified for                |
| 20 | such year by the Secretary pursuant to para-           |
| 21 | graph (3)(A) and the major treatments speci-           |
| 22 | fied for such year by the Secretary pursuant to        |
| 23 | paragraph (3)(B) furnished by such a doctor or         |
| 24 | such a professional.                                   |

| 1  | "(2) Preventive and screening serv-                    |
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| 2  | ICES.—The preventive and screening services de-        |
| 3  | scribed in this paragraph are the following:           |
| 4  | "(A) Oral exams.                                       |
| 5  | "(B) Dental cleanings.                                 |
| 6  | "(C) Dental x-rays performed in the office             |
| 7  | of a doctor or professional described in para-         |
| 8  | $\operatorname{graph}(1)(A).$                          |
| 9  | "(D) Fluoride treatments.                              |
| 10 | "(3) Basic and major treatments.—For                   |
| 11 | 2028 and each subsequent year, the Secretary shall     |
| 12 | specify—   |
| 13 | "(A) basic treatments (which may include               |
| 14 | basic tooth restorations, basic periodontal serv-      |
| 15 | ices, tooth extractions, and oral disease man-         |
| 16 | agement services); and                                 |
| 17 | "(B) major treatments (which may include               |
| 18 | major tooth restorations, major periodontal            |
| 19 | services, bridges, crowns, and root canals);           |
| 20 | that shall be included as dental and oral health serv- |
| 21 | ices for such year.                                    |
| 22 | "(4) Oral Health Professional.—The term                |
| 23 | 'oral health professional' means, with respect to den- |
| 24 | tal and oral health services, a health professional    |
| 25 | (other than a doctor of dental surgery or of dental    |

| 1  | medicine (as described in subsection $(r)(2)$ ) who is |
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| 2  | licensed to furnish such services, acting within the   |
| 3  | scope of such license, by the State in which such      |
| 4  | services are furnished.".                              |
| 5  | (c) Payment; Coinsurance; and Limitations.—            |
| 6  | (1) In General.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the              |
| 7  | Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as        |
| 8  | amended by section 30511(b), is further amended—       |
| 9  | (A) in subparagraph (N), by inserting                  |
| 10 | "and dental and oral health services (as defined       |
| 11 | in section 1861(lll))" after "section                  |
| 12 | 1861(hhh)(1))";  |
| 13 | (B) by striking "and" before "(EE)"; and               |
| 14 | (C) by inserting before the semicolon at               |
| 15 | the end the following: "and (FF) with respect          |
| 16 | to dental and oral health services (as defined in      |
| 17 | section 1861(lll)), the amount paid shall be the       |
| 18 | payment amount specified under section                 |
| 19 | 1834(z)".  |
| 20 | (2) Payment and limits specified.—Section              |
| 21 | 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m)      |
| 22 | is amended by adding at the end the following new      |
| 23 | subsection:  |
| 24 | "(z) Payment and Limits for Dental and Oral            |
| 25 | HEALTH SERVICES.—                                      |

| 1  | "(1) In General.—The payment amount                    |
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| 2  | under this part for dental and oral health services    |
| 3  | (as defined in section 1861(lll)) shall be, subject to |
| 4  | paragraph (3), the applicable percent (specified in    |
| 5  | paragraph (2)) of the lesser of—                       |
| 6  | "(A) the actual charge for the service; or             |
| 7  | "(B) the amount determined under the                   |
| 8  | payment basis determined under section 1848            |
| 9  | for the service, or, in lieu of such amount, if de-    |
| 10 | termined appropriate by the Secretary, an              |
| 11 | amount specified by the Secretary for such             |
| 12 | service under a fee schedule determined appro-         |
| 13 | priate by the Secretary, taking into account fee       |
| 14 | schedules for such services—                           |
| 15 | "(i) under the TRICARE program                         |
| 16 | under chapter 55 of title 10 of the United             |
| 17 | States Code;   |
| 18 | "(ii) under the health insurance pro-                  |
| 19 | gram under chapter 89 of title 5 of such               |
| 20 | Code;  |
| 21 | "(iii) under State plans (or waivers of                |
| 22 | such plans) under title XIX;                           |
| 23 | "(iv) under Medicare Advantage plans                   |
| 24 | under part C;  |

| 1  | "(v) established by the Secretary of                   |
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| 2  | Veterans Affairs; and                                  |
| 3  | "(vi) established by other health care                 |
| 4  | payers.  |
| 5  | "(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of               |
| 6  | paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in     |
| 7  | this paragraph is, with respect to dental and oral     |
| 8  | health services (as defined in section 1861(lll)) fur- |
| 9  | nished in a year—                                      |
| 10 | "(A) that are preventive and screening                 |
| 11 | services described in paragraph (2) or basic           |
| 12 | treatments specified for such year pursuant to         |
| 13 | paragraph (3)(A) of such section, 80 percent;          |
| 14 | and  |
| 15 | "(B) that are major treatments specified               |
| 16 | for such year pursuant to paragraph (3)(B) of          |
| 17 | such section—  |
| 18 | "(i) in the case such services are fur-                |
| 19 | nished during 2028, 10 percent;                        |
| 20 | "(ii) in the case such services are fur-               |
| 21 | nished during 2029 or a subsequent year                |
| 22 | before 2032, the applicable percent speci-             |
| 23 | fied under this subparagraph for the pre-              |
| 24 | vious year, increased by 10 percentage                 |
| 25 | points; and  |

| 1  | "(iii) in the case such services are fur-            |
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| 2  | nished during 2032 or a subsequent year,             |
| 3  | 50 percent.  |
| 4  | "(3) Limitations.—With respect to dental and         |
| 5  | oral health services that are—                       |
| 6  | "(A) preventive and screening oral exams,            |
| 7  | payment may be made under this part for not          |
| 8  | more than two such exams during a 12-month           |
| 9  | period;  |
| 10 | "(B) dental cleanings, payment may be                |
| 11 | made under this part for not more than two           |
| 12 | such cleanings during a 12-month period; and         |
| 13 | "(C) not described in subparagraph (A) or            |
| 14 | (B), payment may be made under this part only        |
| 15 | at such frequencies and under such cir-              |
| 16 | cumstances determined appropriate by the Sec-        |
| 17 | retary.  |
| 18 | "(4) Use of bundled payments.—The Sec-               |
| 19 | retary may make payment for dentures and associ-     |
| 20 | ated professional services, and for any other dental |
| 21 | and oral health services, as bundled payments as the |
| 22 | Secretary determines appropriate.                    |
| 23 | "(5) Limitation on Judicial Review.—There            |
| 24 | shall be no administrative or judicial review under  |
| 25 | section 1869 or otherwise of—                        |

| 1  | "(A) the determination of payment                     |
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| 2  | amounts under this subsection for dental and          |
| 3  | oral health services and under subsection (h)(6)      |
| 4  | or subsection (z)(4) for dentures;                    |
| 5  | "(B) the determination of what services               |
| 6  | are basic and major services under subpara-           |
| 7  | graphs (A) and (B) of section 1861(lll)(3); or        |
| 8  | "(C) the determination of the frequency               |
| 9  | and circumstance limitations for dental and oral      |
| 10 | health services under paragraph (3)(C).".             |
| 11 | (d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—            |
| 12 | (1) In General.—Section 1848(j)(3) of the             |
| 13 | Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. $1395w-4(j)(3)$ ) is   |
| 14 | amended by inserting " $(2)(II)$ ," before " $(3)$ ". |
| 15 | (2) Exclusion from Mips.—Section                      |
| 16 | 1848(q)(1)(C)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42      |
| 17 | U.S.C. 1395w-4(q)(1)(C)(ii)) is amended—              |
| 18 | (A) in subclause (II), by striking "or" at            |
| 19 | the end;  |
| 20 | (B) in subclause (III), by striking the pe-           |
| 21 | riod at the end and inserting "; or"; and             |
| 22 | (C) by adding at the end the following new            |
| 23 | subclause:  |
| 24 | "(IV) with respect to 2028 and                        |
| 25 | each subsequent year, is a doctor of                  |

| 1  | dental surgery or of dental medicine                   |
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| 2  | (as described in section $1861(r)(2)$ ) or             |
| 3  | is an oral health professional (as de-                 |
| 4  | fined in section 1861(lll)(4)).".                      |
| 5  | (3) Inclusion of oral health profes-                   |
| 6  | SIONALS AS CERTAIN PRACTITIONERS.—Section              |
| 7  | 1842(b)(18)(C) of the Social Security Act (42          |
| 8  | U.S.C. 1395u(b)(18)(C)) is amended by adding at        |
| 9  | the end the following new clause:                      |
| 10 | "(vii) With respect to 2028 and each subse-            |
| 11 | quent year, an oral health professional (as defined in |
| 12 | section 1861(lll)(4)).".                               |
| 13 | (e) Dentures.—   |
| 14 | (1) In General.—Section 1861(s)(8) of the              |
| 15 | Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(8)) is         |
| 16 | amended—   |
| 17 | (A) by striking "(other than dental)"; and             |
| 18 | (B) by inserting "and excluding dental, ex-            |
| 19 | cept for a full or partial set of dentures (as de-     |
| 20 | scribed in section 1834(h)(6)) furnished on or         |
| 21 | after January 1, 2028" after "colostomy care".         |
| 22 | (2) Special payment rules.—                            |
| 23 | (A) Limitations.—Section 1834(h) of the                |
| 24 | Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(h)) is            |

| 1  | amended by adding at the end the following    |
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| 2  | new paragraph:                                |
| 3  | "(6) Special payment rule for den-            |
| 4  | TURES.—Payment may be made under this part    |
| 5  | with respect to an individual for dentures—   |
| 6  | "(A) not more than once during any 5-year     |
| 7  | period (except in the case that a doctor de-  |
| 8  | scribed in section 1861(lll)(1)(A) determines |
| 9  | such dentures do not fit the individual); and |
| 10 | "(B) only to the extent that such dentures    |
| 11 | are furnished pursuant to a written order of  |
| 12 | such a doctor or professional.".              |
| 13 | (B) Application of competitive acqui-         |
| 14 | SITION.—                                      |
| 15 | (i) IN GENERAL.—Section                       |
| 16 | 1834(h)(1)(H) of the Social Security Act      |
| 17 | (42 U.S.C. 1395m(h)(1)(H)) is amended—        |
| 18 | (I) in the subparagraph heading,              |
| 19 | by inserting ", DENTURES" after               |
| 20 | "ORTHOTICS";                                  |
| 21 | (II) by inserting ", of dentures              |
| 22 | described in paragraph (2)(D) of such         |
| 23 | section," after "2011,"; and                  |
| 24 | (III) in clause (i), by inserting ",          |
| 25 | such dentures" after "orthotics".             |

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| 1  | (ii) Conforming amendment.—Sec-                        |
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| 2  | tion 1847(a)(2) of the Social Security Act             |
| 3  | (42 U.S.C. 1395w-3(a)(2)) is amended by                |
| 4  | adding at the end the following new sub-               |
| 5  | paragraph:   |
| 6  | "(D) Dentures.—Dentures described in                   |
| 7  | section 1861(s)(8) for which payment would             |
| 8  | otherwise be made under section 1834(h).".             |
| 9  | (iii) Exemption of certain items                       |
| 10 | FROM COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION.—Sec-                     |
| 11 | tion 1847(a)(7) of the Social Security Act             |
| 12 | (42  U.S.C.  1395w-3(a)(7)) is amended by              |
| 13 | adding at the end the following new sub-               |
| 14 | paragraph:   |
| 15 | "(C) CERTAIN DENTURES.—Those items                     |
| 16 | and services described in paragraph $(2)(D)$ if        |
| 17 | furnished by a physician or other practitioner         |
| 18 | (as defined by the Secretary) to the physician's       |
| 19 | or practitioner's own patients as part of the          |
| 20 | physician's or practitioner's professional serv-       |
| 21 | ice.".   |
| 22 | (f) Exclusion Modifications.—Section 1862(a) of        |
| 23 | the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)) is amend- |
| 24 | ed—  |
| 25 | (1) in paragraph (1)—                                  |

| 1  | (A) in subparagraph (O), by striking                    |
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| 2  | "and" at the end;                                       |
| 3  | (B) in subparagraph (P), by striking the                |
| 4  | semicolon at the end and inserting ", and"; and         |
| 5  | (C) by adding at the end the following new              |
| 6  | subparagraph:   |
| 7  | "(Q) in the case of dental and oral health serv-        |
| 8  | ices (as defined in section 1861(lll)) that are preven- |
| 9  | tive and screening services described in paragraph      |
| 10 | (2) of such section, which are furnished more fre-      |
| 11 | quently than provided under section $1834(z)(3)$ or     |
| 12 | under circumstances other than circumstances deter-     |
| 13 | mined appropriate under subparagraph (C) of such        |
| 14 | section;"; and  |
| 15 | (2) in paragraph (12), by inserting before the          |
| 16 | semicolon at the end the following: "and except that    |
| 17 | payment may be made under part B for dental and         |
| 18 | oral health services that are covered under section     |
| 19 | 1861(s)(2)(II) and for dentures under section           |
| 20 | 1861(s)(8)".  |
| 21 | (g) CERTAIN NON-APPLICATION.—                           |
| 22 | (1) In general.—Paragraphs (1) and (4) of               |
| 23 | section 1839(a) of the Social Security Act (42          |
| 24 | U.S.C. 1395r(a)) are amended by adding at the end       |
| 25 | of each such paragraphs the following: "In applying     |

| 1  | this paragraph there shall not be taken into account    |
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| 2  | benefits and administrative costs attributable to the   |
| 3  | amendments made by section 30901 (other than            |
| 4  | subsection (g)) of the Act titled 'An Act to provide    |
| 5  | for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. |
| 6  | 14' and the Government contribution under section       |
| 7  | 1844(a)(5)".  |
| 8  | (2) Payment.—Section 1844(a) of such Act                |
| 9  | (42 U.S.C. 1395w(a)) is amended—                        |
| 10 | (A) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-               |
| 11 | riod at the end and inserting "; plus";                 |
| 12 | (B) by adding at the end the following new              |
| 13 | paragraph:  |
| 14 | "(5) a Government contribution equal to the             |
| 15 | amount that is estimated to be payable for benefits     |
| 16 | and related administrative costs incurred that are      |
| 17 | attributable to the amendments made by section          |
| 18 | 30901 (other than subsection (g)) of the Act titled     |
| 19 | 'An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to       |
| 20 | title II of S. Con. Res. 14'."; and                     |
| 21 | (C) in the flush matter at the end, by                  |
| 22 | striking "paragraph (4)" and inserting "para-           |
| 23 | graphs (4) and (5)".                                    |
| 24 | (h) Implementation.—                                    |
| 25 | (1) Funding.—   |

| 1  | (A) In general.—In addition to amounts           |
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| 2  | otherwise available, the Secretary of Health and |
| 3  | Human Services (in this subsection referred to   |
| 4  | as the "Secretary") shall provide for the trans- |
| 5  | fer from the Federal Supplementary Medical       |
| 6  | Insurance Trust Fund under section 1841 of       |
| 7  | the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395t) to     |
| 8  | the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services     |
| 9  | Program Management Account of—                   |
| 10 | (i) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal              |
| 11 | years 2022 through 2028 for purposes of          |
| 12 | implementing the amendments made by              |
| 13 | this section; and                                |
| 14 | (ii) such sums as determined appro-              |
| 15 | priate by the Secretary for each subse-          |
| 16 | quent fiscal year for purposes of admin-         |
| 17 | istering the provisions of such amend-           |
| 18 | ments.   |
| 19 | (B) AVAILABILITY AND ADDITIONAL USE              |
| 20 | OF FUNDS.—Funds transferred pursuant to          |
| 21 | subparagraph (A) shall remain available until    |
| 22 | expended and may be used, in addition to the     |
| 23 | purpose specified in subparagraph (A)(i), to im- |
| 24 | plement the amendments made by sections          |
| 25 | 30902 and 30903.                                 |

| 1  | (2) Administration.—The Secretary may im-                 |
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| 2  | plement, by program instruction or otherwise, any of      |
| 3  | the provisions of, or amendments made by, this sec-       |
| 4  | tion.   |
| 5  | (3) Paperwork reduction act.—Chapter 35                   |
| 6  | of title 44, United States Code, shall not apply to       |
| 7  | the provisions of, or the amendments made by, this        |
| 8  | section.  |
| 9  | SEC. 30902. PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR HEARING CARE           |
| 10 | UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.                               |
| 11 | (a) Provision of Aural Rehabilitation and                 |
| 12 | TREATMENT SERVICES BY QUALIFIED AUDIOLOGISTS.—            |
| 13 | Section 1861(ll)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. |
| 14 | 1395x(ll)(3)) is amended by inserting "(and, beginning    |
| 15 | October 1, 2023, such aural rehabilitation and treatment  |
| 16 | services)" after "assessment services".                   |
| 17 | (b) Coverage of Hearing Aids.—                            |
| 18 | (1) Inclusion of hearing aids as pros-                    |
| 19 | THETIC DEVICES.—Section 1861(s)(8) of the Social          |
| 20 | Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(8)) is amended by        |
| 21 | inserting ", and including hearing aids (as described     |
| 22 | in section 1834(h)(7)) furnished on or after October      |
| 23 | 1, 2023, to individuals diagnosed with profound or        |
| 24 | severe hearing loss" before the semicolon at the end.     |

| 1  | (2) Payment limitations for hearing                 |
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| 2  | AIDS.—Section 1834(h) of the Social Security Act    |
| 3  | (42 U.S.C. 1395m(h)), as amended by section         |
| 4  | 30901(e)(2)(A), is further amended by adding at the |
| 5  | end the following new paragraph:                    |
| 6  | "(7) Limitations for Hearing aids.—                 |
| 7  | "(A) In General.—Payment may be                     |
| 8  | made under this part with respect to an indi-       |
| 9  | vidual, with respect to hearing aids furnished      |
| 10 | on or after October 1, 2023—                        |
| 11 | "(i) not more than once during a 5-                 |
| 12 | year period;  |
| 13 | "(ii) only for types of such hearing                |
| 14 | aids that are not over-the-counter hearing          |
| 15 | aids (as defined in section 520(q)(1) of the        |
| 16 | Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act)               |
| 17 | and that are determined appropriate by              |
| 18 | the Secretary; and                                  |
| 19 | "(iii) only if furnished pursuant to a              |
| 20 | written order of a physician or qualified           |
| 21 | audiologist (as defined in section                  |
| 22 | 1861(ll)(4)(B)).                                    |
| 23 | "(B) Limitation on Judicial Review.—                |
| 24 | There shall be no administrative or judicial re-    |
| 25 | view under section 1869 or otherwise of—            |

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| 1  | "(i) the determination of the types of      |
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| 2  | hearing aids paid for under subparagraph    |
| 3  | (A)(ii); or                                 |
| 4  | "(ii) the determination of fee schedule     |
| 5  | rates for hearing aids described in this    |
| 6  | paragraph.".                                |
| 7  | (3) Application of competitive acquisi-     |
| 8  | TION.—                                      |
| 9  | (A) In General.—Section 1834(h)(1)(H)       |
| 10 | of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.       |
| 11 | 1395m(h)(1)(H)), as amended by section      |
| 12 | 30901(e)(2)(B)(i), is further amended—      |
| 13 | (i) in the header, by inserting ",          |
| 14 | HEARING AIDS" after "DENTURES";             |
| 15 | (ii) by inserting ", of hearing aids de-    |
| 16 | scribed in paragraph (2)(E) of such sec-    |
| 17 | tion," after "paragraph (2)(D) of such sec- |
| 18 | tion"; and                                  |
| 19 | (iii) in clause (i), by inserting ", such   |
| 20 | hearing aids" after "such dentures".        |
| 21 | (B) Conforming Amendment.—                  |
| 22 | (i) In general.—Section 1847(a)(2)          |
| 23 | of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.       |
| 24 | 1395w-3(a)(2)), as amended by section       |
| 25 | 30901(e)(2)(B)(ii), is further amended by   |

| 1  | adding at the end the following new sub-          |
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| 2  | paragraph:  |
| 3  | "(E) Hearing aids de-                             |
| 4  | scribed in section 1861(s)(8) for which payment   |
| 5  | would otherwise be made under section             |
| 6  | 1834(h).".  |
| 7  | (ii) Exemption of certain items                   |
| 8  | FROM COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION.—Sec-                |
| 9  | tion 1847(a)(7) of the Social Security Act        |
| 10 | (42 U.S.C. 1395w-3(a)(7)), as amended             |
| 11 | by section 30901(e)(2)(B)(iii), is further        |
| 12 | amended by adding at the end the fol-             |
| 13 | lowing new subparagraph:                          |
| 14 | "(D) CERTAIN HEARING AIDS.—Those                  |
| 15 | items and services described in paragraph         |
| 16 | (2)(E) if furnished by a physician or other       |
| 17 | practitioner (as defined by the Secretary) to the |
| 18 | physician's or practitioner's own patients as     |
| 19 | part of the physician's or practitioner's profes- |
| 20 | sional service.".                                 |
| 21 | (4) Inclusion of audiologists as certain          |
| 22 | PRACTITIONERS TO RECEIVE PAYMENT ON AN AS-        |
| 23 | SIGNMENT-RELATED BASIS.—Section                   |
| 24 | 1842(b)(18)(C) of the Social Security Act (42     |
| 25 | U.S.C. 1395u(b)(18)(C)), as amended by section    |

| 1  | 30901(d)(4), is further amended by adding at the          |
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| 2  | end the following new clause:                             |
| 3  | "(viii) Beginning October 1, 2023, a                      |
| 4  | qualified audiologist (as defined in section              |
| 5  | 1861(ll)(4)(B)).".  |
| 6  | (c) Exclusion Modification.—Section 1862(a)(7)            |
| 7  | of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(7)) is     |
| 8  | amended by inserting "(except such hearing aids or exami- |
| 9  | nations therefor as described in and otherwise allowed    |
| 10 | under section 1861(s)(8))" after "hearing aids or exami-  |
| 11 | nations therefor".  |
| 12 | (d) CERTAIN NON-APPLICATION.—                             |
| 13 | (1) In general.—The last sentence of section              |
| 14 | 1839(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.          |
| 15 | 1395r(a)(1)), as added by section $30901(g)(1)$ , is      |
| 16 | amended by striking "section 30901 (other than            |
| 17 | subsection (g))" and inserting "sections 30901            |
| 18 | (other than subsection (g)), 30902 (other than sub-       |
| 19 | section (d))".  |
| 20 | (2) Payment.—Paragraph (4) of section                     |
| 21 | 1844(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w(a)), as added        |
| 22 | by section 30901(g)(2), is amended by striking "sec-      |
| 23 | tion 30901 (other than subsection (g))" and insert-       |
| 24 | ing "sections 30901 (other than subsection (g)),          |
| 25 | 30902 (other than subsection (d))".                       |

| 1  | (e) Implementation.—                             |
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| 2  | (1) Funding.—                                    |
| 3  | (A) In general.—In addition to amounts           |
| 4  | otherwise available, the Secretary of Health and |
| 5  | Human Services (in this subsection referred to   |
| 6  | as the "Secretary") shall provide for the trans- |
| 7  | fer from the Federal Supplementary Medical       |
| 8  | Insurance Trust Fund under section 1841 of       |
| 9  | the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395t) to     |
| 10 | the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services     |
| 11 | Program Management Account of—                   |
| 12 | (i) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal              |
| 13 | years 2022 through 2023 for purposes of          |
| 14 | implementing the amendments made by              |
| 15 | this section; and                                |
| 16 | (ii) such sums as determined appro-              |
| 17 | priate by the Secretary for each subse-          |
| 18 | quent fiscal year for purposes of admin-         |
| 19 | istering the provisions of such amend-           |
| 20 | ments.   |
| 21 | (B) AVAILABILITY AND ADDITIONAL USE              |
| 22 | OF FUNDS.—Funds transferred pursuant to          |
| 23 | subparagraph (A) shall remain available until    |
| 24 | expended and may be used, in addition to the     |
| 25 | purpose specified in subparagraph (A)(i), to im- |

| 1                    | plement the amendments made by sections  |
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| 2                    | 30901 and 30903.   |
| 3                    | (2) Administration.—The Secretary may im-  |
| 4                    | plement, by program instruction or otherwise, any of   |
| 5                    | the provisions of, or amendments made by, this sec-  |
| 6                    | tion.  |
| 7                    | (3) Paperwork reduction act.—Chapter 35  |
| 8                    | of title 44, United States Code, shall not apply to  |
| 9                    | the provisions of, or the amendments made by, this   |
| 10                   | section.   |
| 11                   | SEC. 30903. PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR VISION CARE   |
| 12                   | UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.  |
| 13                   | (a) Coverage.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Se-   |
| 14                   | curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as amended by section  |
| 15                   | 30901(a), is further amended—  |
| 16                   | (1) in subparagraph (HH), by striking "and"  |
| 17                   |  |
|                      | after the semicolon at the end;  |
| 18                   | after the semicolon at the end; (2) in subparagraph (II), by striking the period   |
| 18<br>19             |  |
|                      | (2) in subparagraph (II), by striking the period   |
| 19                   | (2) in subparagraph (II), by striking the period at the end and adding "; and"; and  |
| 19<br>20             | <ul><li>(2) in subparagraph (II), by striking the period at the end and adding "; and"; and</li><li>(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-</li></ul>  |
| 19<br>20<br>21       | <ul><li>(2) in subparagraph (II), by striking the period at the end and adding "; and"; and</li><li>(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:</li></ul>   |
| 19<br>20<br>21<br>22 | <ul><li>(2) in subparagraph (II), by striking the period at the end and adding "; and"; and</li><li>(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:</li><li>"(JJ) vision services (as defined in subsection</li></ul> |

- 1 by section 30901(b), is further amended by adding at the
- 2 end the following new subsection:
- 3 "(mmm) Vision Services.—The term 'vision serv-
- 4 ices' means—
- 5 "(1) routine eye examinations to determine the
- 6 refractive state of the eyes, including procedures per-
- 7 formed during the course of such examination; and
- 8 "(2) contact lens fitting services;
- 9 furnished on or after October 1, 2022, by or under the
- 10 direct supervision of an ophthalmologist or optometrist
- 11 who is legally authorized to furnish such examinations,
- 12 procedures, or fitting services (as applicable) under State
- 13 law (or the State regulatory mechanism provided by State
- 14 law) of the State in which the examinations, procedures,
- 15 or fitting services are furnished.".
- 16 (c) Payment Limitations.—Section 1834 of the
- 17 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m), as amended by
- 18 section 30901(c)(2), is further amended by adding at the
- 19 end the following new subsection:
- 20 "(aa) Limitation for Vision Services.—With re-
- 21 spect to vision services (as defined in section 1861(mmm))
- 22 and an individual, payment may be made under this part
- 23 for only 1 routine eye examination described in paragraph
- 24 (1) of such section and 1 contact lens fitting service de-

- 1 scribed in paragraph (2) of such section during a 2-year
- 2 period.".
- 3 (d) Payment Under Physician Fee Schedule.—
- 4 Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
- 5 1395w-4(j)(3)), as amended by section 30901(d)(1), is
- 6 further amended by inserting "(2)(JJ)," before "(3)".
- 7 (e) Coverage of Conventional Eyeglasses and
- 8 CONTACT LENSES.—
- 9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(8) of the
- 10 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(8)), as
- amended by section 30902(b)(1), is further amended
- by striking ", and including one pair of conventional
- eyeglasses or contact lenses furnished subsequent to
- each cataract surgery with insertion of an intra-
- ocular lens" and inserting ", including one pair of
- 16 conventional eyeglasses or contact lenses furnished
- subsequent to each cataract surgery with insertion
- of an intraocular lens, if furnished before October 1,
- 19 2022, and including conventional eyeglasses or con-
- tact lenses (as described in section 1834(h)(8)),
- 21 whether or not furnished subsequent to such a sur-
- gery, if furnished on or after October 1, 2022".
- 23 (2) Conforming Amendment.—Section
- 24 1842(b)(11)(A) of the Social Security Act (42)
- U.S.C. 1395u(b)(11)(A) is amended by inserting

| 1  | "furnished prior to October 1, 2022," after "relating   |
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| 2  | to them,".  |
| 3  | (f) Special Payment Rules for Eyeglasses and            |
| 4  | CONTACT LENSES.—  |
| 5  | (1) Limitations.—Section 1834(h) of the So-             |
| 6  | cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(h)), as amended      |
| 7  | by section $30901(e)(2)(A)$ and section $30902(b)(2)$ , |
| 8  | is further amended by adding at the end the fol-        |
| 9  | lowing new paragraph:                                   |
| 10 | "(8) Payment limitations for eyeglasses                 |
| 11 | AND CONTACT LENSES.—                                    |
| 12 | "(A) In general.—With respect to eye-                   |
| 13 | glasses and contact lenses furnished to an indi-        |
| 14 | vidual on or after October 1, 2022, subject to          |
| 15 | subparagraph (B), payment may be made under             |
| 16 | this part only—   |
| 17 | "(i) during a 2-year period, for either                 |
| 18 | 1 pair of eyeglasses (including lenses and              |
| 19 | frames) or not more than a 2-year supply                |
| 20 | of contact lenses;                                      |
| 21 | "(ii) with respect to amounts attrib-                   |
| 22 | utable to the lenses and frames of such a               |
| 23 | pair of eyeglasses or amounts attributable              |
| 24 | to such a 2-year supply of contact lenses,              |
| 25 | in an amount not greater than—                          |

| 1 "(I) for a pair of eyeglasses fur-          |
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| nished in, or a 2-year supply of con-         |
| tact lenses beginning in, 2022—               |
| 4 "(aa) \$85 for the lenses of                |
| such pair of eyeglasses and \$85              |
| for the frames of such pair of                |
| 7 eyeglasses; or                              |
| 8 "(bb) \$85 for such 2-year                  |
| 9 supply of contact lenses; and               |
| "(II) for the lenses and frames of            |
| a pair of eyeglasses furnished in, or a       |
| 2 2-year supply of contact lenses begin-      |
| ning in, a subsequent year, the dollar        |
| 4 amounts specified under this subpara-       |
| graph for the previous year, increased        |
| by the percentage change in the con-          |
| sumer price index for all urban con-          |
| 8 sumers (United States city average)         |
| for the 12-month period ending with           |
| June of the previous year;                    |
| 1 "(iii) if furnished pursuant to a writ-     |
| ten order of an ophthalmologist or optom-     |
| etrist described in subsection (mmm); and     |
| 4 "(iv) if during the 2-year period de-       |
| scribed in clause (i), the individual did not |

| 1  | already receive (as described in subpara-        |
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| 2  | graph (B)) one pair of conventional eye-         |
| 3  | glasses or contact lenses subsequent to a        |
| 4  | cataract surgery with insertion of an intra-     |
| 5  | ocular lens furnished during such period.        |
| 6  | "(B) Exception.—With respect to a 2-             |
| 7  | year period described in subparagraph (A)(i), in |
| 8  | the case of an individual who receives cataract  |
| 9  | surgery with insertion of an intraocular lens,   |
| 10 | notwithstanding subparagraph (A), payment        |
| 11 | may be made under this part for one pair of      |
| 12 | conventional eyeglasses or contact lenses fur-   |
| 13 | nished subsequent to such cataract surgery dur-  |
| 14 | ing such period.                                 |
| 15 | "(C) Limitation on Judicial Review.—             |
| 16 | There shall be no administrative or judicial re- |
| 17 | view under section 1869 or otherwise of—         |
| 18 | "(i) the determination of the types of           |
| 19 | eyeglasses and contact lenses covered            |
| 20 | under this paragraph; or                         |
| 21 | "(ii) the determination of fee schedule          |
| 22 | rates under this subsection for eyeglasses       |
| 23 | and contact lenses.".                            |
| 24 | (2) Application of competitive acquisi-          |
| 25 | TION.—   |

| 1  | (A) In General.—Section 1834(h)(1)(H)            |
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| 2  | of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.            |
| 3  | 1395m(h)(1)(H)), as amended by section           |
| 4  | 30901(e)(2)(B)(i) and section $30902(b)(3)(A)$ , |
| 5  | is further amended—                              |
| 6  | (i) in the header by inserting ", EYE-           |
| 7  | GLASSES, AND CONTACT LENSES" after               |
| 8  | "HEARING AIDS";                                  |
| 9  | (ii) by inserting "and of eyeglasses             |
| 10 | and contact lenses described in paragraph        |
| 11 | (2)(F) of such section," after "paragraph        |
| 12 | (2)(E) of such section,"; and                    |
| 13 | (iii) in clause (i), by inserting ", or          |
| 14 | such eyeglasses and contact lenses" after        |
| 15 | "such hearing aids".                             |
| 16 | (B) Conforming Amendment.—                       |
| 17 | (i) In General.—Section 1847(a)(2)               |
| 18 | of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.            |
| 19 | 1395w-3(a)(2), as amended by section             |
| 20 | 30901(e)(2)(B)(ii) and section                   |
| 21 | 30902(b)(3)(B)(i), is further amended by         |
| 22 | adding at the end the following new sub-         |
| 23 | paragraph:                                       |
| 24 | "(F) EYEGLASSES AND CONTACT                      |
| 25 | LENSES.—Eyeglasses and contact lenses de-        |

| 1  | scribed in section 1861(s)(8) for which payment     |
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| 2  | would otherwise be made under section               |
| 3  | 1834(h).".  |
| 4  | (ii) Exemption of certain items                     |
| 5  | FROM COMPETITIVE ACQUISITION.—Sec-                  |
| 6  | tion 1847(a)(7) of the Social Security Act          |
| 7  | (42  U.S.C.  1395w-3(a)(7)),  as amended            |
| 8  | by section 30901(e)(2)(B)(iii) and section          |
| 9  | 30902(b)(3)(B)(ii), is further amended by           |
| 10 | adding at the end the following new sub-            |
| 11 | paragraph:  |
| 12 | "(E) CERTAIN EYEGLASSES AND CONTACT                 |
| 13 | LENSES.—Those items and services described in       |
| 14 | paragraph (2)(F) if furnished by a physician or     |
| 15 | other practitioner (as defined by the Secretary)    |
| 16 | to the physician's or practitioner's own patients   |
| 17 | as part of the physician's or practitioner's pro-   |
| 18 | fessional service.".                                |
| 19 | (g) Exclusion Modifications.—Section 1862(a)        |
| 20 | of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)), as |
| 21 | amended by section 30901(f), is further amended—    |
| 22 | (1) in paragraph (1)—                               |
| 23 | (A) in subparagraph (P), by striking                |
| 24 | "and" at the end;                                   |

| 1  | (B) in subparagraph (Q), by striking the               |
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| 2  | semicolon at the end and inserting ", and"; and        |
| 3  | (C) by adding at the end the following new             |
| 4  | subparagraph:  |
| 5  | "(R) in the case of vision services (as defined        |
| 6  | in section 1861(mmm)) that are routine eye exami-      |
| 7  | nations and contact lens fitting services (as de-      |
| 8  | scribed in paragraph (1) or (2), respectively, of such |
| 9  | section), which are furnished more frequently than     |
| 10 | once during a 2-year period;"; and                     |
| 11 | (2) in paragraph (7)—                                  |
| 12 | (A) by inserting "(other than such an ex-              |
| 13 | amination that is a vision service that is cov-        |
| 14 | ered under section $1861(s)(2)(JJ)$ )" after "eye      |
| 15 | examinations"; and                                     |
| 16 | (B) by inserting "(other than such a proce-            |
| 17 | dure that is a vision service that is covered          |
| 18 | under section $1861(s)(2)(JJ)$ )" after "refractive    |
| 19 | state of the eyes".                                    |
| 20 | (h) CERTAIN NON-APPLICATION.—                          |
| 21 | (1) In general.—The last sentence of section           |
| 22 | 1839(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.       |
| 23 | 1395r(a)(1)), as added by section $30901(g)(1)$ and    |
| 24 | amended by section 30902(d)(1), is further amended     |

| 1  | by inserting ", and 30903 (other than subsection    |
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| 2  | (h))" after "30902 (other than subsection (d))".    |
| 3  | (2) Payment.—Paragraph (4) of section               |
| 4  | 1844(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w(a)), as added  |
| 5  | by section 30901(g)(2) and amended by section       |
| 6  | 30902(d)(2), is further amended by inserting ", and |
| 7  | 30903 (other than subsection (h))" after "30902     |
| 8  | (other than subsection (d))".                       |
| 9  | (i) Implementation.—                                |
| 10 | (1) Funding.—                                       |
| 11 | (A) In general.—In addition to amounts              |
| 12 | otherwise available, the Secretary of Health and    |
| 13 | Human Services (in this subsection referred to      |
| 14 | as the "Secretary") shall provide for the trans-    |
| 15 | fer from the Federal Supplementary Medical          |
| 16 | Insurance Trust Fund under section 1841 of          |
| 17 | the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395t) to        |
| 18 | the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services        |
| 19 | Program Management Account of—                      |
| 20 | (i) \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal                 |
| 21 | years 2022 and 2023 for purposes of im-             |
| 22 | plementing the amendments made by this              |
| 23 | section; and  |
| 24 | (ii) such sums as determined appro-                 |
| 25 | priate by the Secretary for each subse-             |

| 1  | quent fiscal year for purposes of admin-             |
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| 2  | istering the provisions of such amend-               |
| 3  | ments.   |
| 4  | (B) AVAILABILITY AND ADDITIONAL USE                  |
| 5  | OF FUNDS.—Funds transferred pursuant to              |
| 6  | subparagraph (A) shall remain available until        |
| 7  | expended and may be used, in addition to the         |
| 8  | purpose specified in subparagraph (A)(i), to im-     |
| 9  | plement the amendments made by sections              |
| 10 | 30901 and 30902.                                     |
| 11 | (2) Administration.—The Secretary may im-            |
| 12 | plement, by program instruction or otherwise, any of |
| 13 | the provisions of, or amendments made by, this sec-  |
| 14 | tion.  |
| 15 | (3) Paperwork reduction act.—Chapter 35              |
| 16 | of title 44, United States Code, shall not apply to  |
| 17 | the provisions of, or the amendments made by, this   |
| 18 | section.   |