

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO SUBTITLE I
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Amend section 30902(a) to read as follows:

1 (a) PROVISION OF AURAL REHABILITATION AND
2 TREATMENT SERVICES BY QUALIFIED AUDIOLOGISTS
3 AND HEARING AID SPECIALISTS.—Section 1861(ll) of the
4 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ll)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (3)—

6 (A) by inserting “(and, beginning October
7 1, 2023, such aural rehabilitation and treat-
8 ment services)” after “assessment services”;
9 and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
11 sentence: “Beginning October 1, 2023, such
12 term includes such hearing assessments, aural
13 rehabilitation, and treatment services furnished
14 by a hearing aid specialist as the specialist is le-
15 gally authorized to perform under State law (or
16 the State regulatory mechanism provided by
17 State law), as would otherwise be covered if fur-
18 nished by a physician.”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end the
2 following new subparagraph:

3 “(C) The term ‘hearing aid specialist’
4 means, with respect to services described in
5 paragraph (3), an individual who is licensed as
6 a hearing aid specialist by the State in which
7 the individual furnishes such services.”.

In the paragraph (7)(A)(iii) of section 1834(h) pro-
posed to be added by section 30902(a)(2), inserting “or
a hearing aid specialist (as defined in section
1861(ll)(4)(4))” before the period.

