

115TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1617

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2017

Mr. REED (for himself and Mr. BLUMENAUER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Access to  
5 Diabetic Shoes Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSI-**  
2 **CIAN ASSISTANTS TO SATISFY MEDICARE**  
3 **DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT FOR COV-**  
4 **ERAGE OF CERTAIN SHOES FOR INDIVIDUALS**  
5 **WITH DIABETES.**

6 Section 1861(s)(12) of the Social Security Act (42  
7 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(12)) is amended—

8 (1) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “, nurse  
9 practitioner, or physician assistant” after “physi-  
10 cian”; and

11 (2) in subparagraph (C), by inserting “, nurse  
12 practitioner, or physician assistant” after each oc-  
13 currence of “physician”.

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