

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2697

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require Medicaid coverage of professional services of optometrists that are otherwise covered when furnished by a physician.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 4, 2009

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself and Mr. HALL of Texas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Optometric Equity in
5 Medicaid Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF PROFES-**
2 **SIONAL SERVICES OF OPTOMETRISTS THAT**
3 **ARE OTHERWISE COVERED WHEN FUR-**
4 **NISHED BY A PHYSICIAN.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1905(a)(5) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(5)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” before “(B)”;

8 (2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end
9 the following: “, and (C) medical and other health
10 services as defined in section 1861(s) and as author-
11 ized by State law, furnished by an optometrist (de-
12 scribed in section 1861(r)(4)) to the extent such
13 services may be performed under State law either by
14 a doctor of medicine or by a doctor of optometry and
15 would be described in clause (A) if furnished by a
16 physician (as defined in section 1861(r)(1))”.

17 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
19 ment of this Act.

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