

106TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 4874

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for eligibility for coverage of home health services under the Medicare Program on the basis of a need for occupational therapy

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2000

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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 “Medicare Occupational
5 Therapy Coverage Eligibility Act of 2000”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR HOME HEALTH SERVICES ON THE**
2 **BASIS OF A NEED FOR OCCUPATIONAL THER-**
3 **APY.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Sections 1814(a)(2)(C) and
5 1835(a)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1395f(a)(2)(C) and 1395n(a)(2)(A)) are each amended by
7 striking “or speech therapy” and all that follows through
8 “need occupational therapy” and inserting “, occupa-
9 tional, or speech therapy”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply to home health services provided
12 on or after the earlier of—

13 (1) October 1, 2000; or

14 (2) the date the prospective payment system es-
15 tablished by section 1895(b) of the Social Security
16 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395fff(b)) is implemented.