

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3022

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

JUNE 22, 2005

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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

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 2005”.

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); 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 October 1, 2005.

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