To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of dental, vision, and hearing care under the Medicare program.

SEC. 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Medicare Dental, Vision, and Hearing Benefit Act of 2016”.

SEC. 2. DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH CARE.

(a) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amended—
(1) in subparagraph (EE), by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (FF), by adding “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
paragraph:

“(GG) dental and oral health services (as de-

fined in subsection (iii));”.

(b) DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES DE-
FINED.—Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42
U.S.C. 1395x) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
lowing new subsection:

“Dental and Oral Health Services

“(iii) The term ‘dental and oral health services’ means—

“(1) routine dental cleanings and exams;

“(2) basic dental services, such as fillings and
crowns;

“(3) major dental services, such as root canals,
and extractions;

“(4) emergency dental care; and

“(5) other necessary services related to dental
or oral health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

(c) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—
(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking “and” before “(AA)”; and

(B) by inserting before the semicolon at the end the following: “, and (BB) with respect to dental and oral health services (as defined in section 1861(iii)), the amount paid shall be the payment amount specified under section 1834(t)”.

(2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(t) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH SERVICES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount under this part for dental and oral health services (as defined in section 1861(iii)) shall be, subject to paragraph (3), the applicable percent (specified in paragraph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for the services or the amount determined under the payment basis determined under section 1848.
“(2) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in this paragraph is—

“(A) for the first year beginning at least 6 months after the date of the enactment of this subsection, 0 percent;

“(B) for the year following the year specified in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent year through the seventh year following the year specified in subparagraph (A), the applicable percent specified in this paragraph for the previous year increased by 10 percentage points; and

“(C) for the eighth year following the year specified in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent year, 80 percent.

“(3) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(A) FREQUENCY.—With respect to dental and oral health services that are—

“(i) routine dental cleanings, payment may be made under this part for only two such cleanings during a 12-month period; and
“(ii) routine exams, payment may be made under this part for only two such exams during a 12-month period.

“(B) Secretarial authority.—

“(i) Authority to apply additional limitations.—The Secretary may apply such other reasonable limitations on the extent to which dental and oral services are covered under this part, including through application of a prior authorization requirement.

“(ii) Authority to modify coverage.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if the Secretary determines appropriate, the Secretary may modify the coverage under this part of dental and oral health services to the extent that such modification is consistent with the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.”.

(d) Payment Under Physician Fee Schedule.—
Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting ““(2)(GG),” before ““(3)”.

(e) Dentures.—
(1) In general.—Section 1861(s)(8) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(8)) is amended—

(A) by striking “(other than dental)” and inserting “(including dentures)”; and

(B) by striking “internal body”.

(2) Special payment rules.—Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(23) Payment and limits for dentures.—

“(A) In general.—The payment amount under this part for dentures shall be, subject to subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount otherwise payable for such dentures under this section.

“(B) Applicable percent.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the applicable percent specified in this subparagraph is—

“(i) for the first year beginning at least 6 months after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

“(ii) for the year following the year specified in clause (i) and each subsequent
year through the seventh year following the year specified in clause (i), the applicable percent specified in this subparagraph for the previous year increased by 10 percentage points; and

“(iii) for the eighth year following the year specified in clause (i) and each subsequent year, 80 percent.

“(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be made under this part for an individual for—

“(I) not more than one full upper and one full lower denture once every five years; and

“(II) not more than one partial upper denture and one partial lower denture once every five years.

“(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may apply such other reasonable limitations on the extent to which dentures are covered under this part, in-
cluding through application of a prior authorization requirement.

“(II) Authority to modify coverage.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if the Secretary determines appropriate, the Secretary may modify the coverage under this part of dentures to the extent that such modification is consistent with the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.”.

(f) Repeal of ground for exclusion.—Section 1862(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y) is amended by striking paragraph (12).

(g) Effective date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to services furnished on or after January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 3. VISION CARE.

(a) Coverage.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as amended by section 2, is further amended—

(1) in subparagraph (FF), by striking “and” after the semicolon at the end;
(2) in subparagraph (GG), by adding “and” after the semicolon at the end; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
paragraph:

“(HH) vision services (as defined in subsection
(jj));”.

(b) VISION SERVICES DEFINED.—Section 1861 of
the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x), as amended
by section 2, is further amended by adding at the end the
following new subsection:

“Vision Services

“(jj) The term ‘vision services’ means—

“(1) routine eye examinations and procedures
performed (during the course of any eye examina-
tion) to determine the refractive state of the eyes;
and

“(2) other necessary services related to eye and
vision health (as defined by the Secretary).”.

(c) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the
Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as
amended by section 2, is further amended—

(A) by striking “and” before “(BB)”; and

(B) by inserting before the semicolon at
the end the following: “, and (CC) with respect
to vision services (as defined in section 1861(jjj)), the amount paid shall be the payment amount specified under section 1834(u)’’.

(2) Payment and limits specified.—Section 1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m), as amended by section 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(u) Payment and limits for vision services.—

“(1) In general.—The payment amount under this part for vision services (as defined in section 1861(jjj)) shall be, subject to paragraph (3), the applicable percent (specified in paragraph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for the services or the amount determined under the payment basis determined under section 1848.

“(2) Applicable percent.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in this paragraph is—

“(A) for the first year beginning at least 6 months after the date of the enactment of this subsection, 0 percent;

“(B) for the year following the year specified in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent year through the seventh year following the year specified in subparagraph (A), the applica-
ble percent specified in this paragraph for the previous year increased by 10 percentage points; and

“(C) for the eighth year following the year specified in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent year, 80 percent.

“(3) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(A) FREQUENCY.—With respect to routine eye exams, payment may be made under this part for only one such exam during a 12-month period.

“(B) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may apply other reasonable limitations on the extent to which vision services are covered under this part, including through application of a prior authorization requirement.

“(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COVERAGE.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if the Secretary determines appropriate, the Secretary may modify the coverage under this part of vision services to the extent that such modifica-
tion is consistent with the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.”.

(d) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—

Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting “(2)(HH),” after “(2)(GG),” (as added by section 2).

(e) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES FOR EYEGLASSES, CONTACT LENSES, AND LOW VISION DEVICES.—Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)), as amended by section 2, is further amended by adding at the end the following:

“(24) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR EYEGLASSES AND CONTACT LENSES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount under this part for eyeglass lenses, eyeglass frames, and contact lenses shall be, subject to subparagraph (C), the applicable percent (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount otherwise payable for such eyeglass lenses, eyeglass frames, and contact lenses, respectively, under this section.

“(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the applicable percent specified in this subparagraph is—
“(i) for the first year beginning at least 6 months after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

“(ii) for the year following the year specified in clause (i) and each subsequent year through the seventh year following the year specified in clause (i), the applicable percent specified in this subparagraph for the previous year increased by 10 percentage points; and

“(iii) for the eighth year following the year specified in clause (i) and each subsequent year, 80 percent.

“(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be made under this part (other than for eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8)) for an individual for—

“(I) not more than one pair of eyeglass lenses during any 12-month period;

“(II) not more than one set of eyeglass frames during any 24-month period; and
“(III) contact lenses, only to the extent that the sum of such payments for contact lenses does not exceed a limitation of $200 during any 24-month period beginning during the first year beginning at least six months after the date of the enactment of this paragraph (or, beginning during a subsequent year, such limitation for a 24-month period beginning in the previous year increase by an appropriate inflation adjustment specified by the Secretary).

“(ii) Secretarial authority.—

“(I) Authority to apply additional limitations.—The Secretary may apply such other reasonable limitations on the extent to which eyeglass lenses, eyeglass frames, and contact lenses are covered under this part, including through application of a prior authorization requirement.

“(II) Authority to modify coverage.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if the Sec-
retary determines appropriate, the Secretary may modify the coverage under this part of eyeglass lenses, eye-
glass frames, and contact lenses to the extent that such modification is consistent with the recommendations of the United States Preventive Serv-
ices Task Force.

“(25) PAYMENT AND LIMITS FOR LOW VISION DEVICES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The payment amount under this part for low vision devices shall be, subject to subparagraph (C), the applicable per-
cent (specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount otherwise payable for low vision devices under this section.

“(B) APPLICABLE PERCENT.—For pur-
poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
cent specified in this subparagraph is—

“(i) for the first year beginning at least 6 months after the date of the enact-
ment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

“(ii) for the year following the year specified in clause (i) and each subsequent year through the seventh year following the
year specified in clause (i), the applicable
percent specified in this subparagraph for
the previous year increased by 10 percent-
age points; and
“(iii) for the eighth year following the
year specified in clause (i) and each subse-
quent year, 80 percent.
“(C) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—
“(i) AUTHORITY TO APPLY LIMITA-
tions.—The Secretary may apply reason-
able limitations on the extent to which low
vision devices are covered under this part,
including through application of a prior
authorization requirement.
“(ii) AUTHORITY TO MODIFY COV-
erage.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
sion of this title, if the Secretary deter-
dines appropriate, the Secretary may mod-
ify the coverage under this part of low vi-
sion devices to the extent that such modi-
fication is consistent with the recommenda-
tions of the United States Preventive Serv-
ices Task Force.
“(D) LOW VISION DEVICE DEFINED.—In
this paragraph, the term ‘low vision device’
means a device, prescribed by a physician, that magnifies, enhances, or otherwise augments or interprets visual images irrespective of the size, form, or technological features of such device and does not include ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses. In the previous sentence, the term ‘ordinary eyeglasses or contact lenses’ means lenses that are intended to fully correct visual acuity or fully eliminate refractive error.”.

(f) Definition of Durable Medical Equipment To Include Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses, and Low Vision Devices.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended—

(1) by striking “and” before “eye tracking” and inserting a comma; and

(2) by inserting “, and eyeglass lenses, low vision devices (as defined in section 1834(a)(25)), eyeglass frames, and contact lenses” before “; except”.

(g) Repeal of Ground for Exclusion.—Section 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(7)) is amended by striking “, eyeglasses (other than eyewear described in section 1861(s)(8)) or eye examinations for the purpose of prescribing, fitting, or changing eyeglasses, procedures performed (during the
course of any eye examination) to determine the refractive state of the eyes”.

(h) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to services furnished on or after January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4. HEARING CARE.

(a) Coverage.—

(1) In General.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)), as amended by sections 2 and 3, is further amended—

(A) in subparagraph (GG), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (HH), by inserting “and” at the end; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(II) audiology services (as defined in subsection (ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in subsection (ll)(5));”.

(2) Hearing Services Defined.—Section 1861(ll) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ll)) is amended—
(A) in the subsection heading, by inserting

‘‘; HEARING SERVICES’’ after ‘‘AUDIOLOGY

SERVICES’’; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new

paragraph:

‘‘(5) The term ‘hearing services’ means—

‘‘(A) routine hearing exams and exams for

hearing aids; and

‘‘(B) other necessary services related to hearing

health (as defined by the Secretary).’’.

(b) PAYMENT; COINSURANCE; AND LIMITATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the

Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)), as

amended by sections 2 and 3, is further amended—

(A) by striking ‘‘and’’ before ‘‘(CC)’’; and

(B) by inserting before the semicolon at

the end the following: ‘‘, and (DD) with respect

to audiology services (as defined in section

1861(ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in

section 1861(ll)(5)), the amount paid shall be

the payment amount specified under section

1834(v)’’.

(2) PAYMENT AND LIMITS SPECIFIED.—Section

1834 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m),
as amended by sections 2 and 3, is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(v) Payment and Limits for Hearing Services.—

“(1) In general.—The payment amount under this part for audiology services (as defined in section 1861(ll)(3)) and hearing services (as defined in section 1861(ll)(5)), shall be, subject to paragraph (3), the applicable percent (specified in paragraph (2)) of the lesser of the actual charge for the services or the amount determined under the payment basis determined under section 1848.

“(2) Applicable Percent.—For purposes of paragraph (1), the applicable percent specified in this paragraph is—

“(A) for the first year beginning at least 6 months after the date of the enactment of this subsection, 0 percent;

“(B) for the year following the year specified in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent year through the seventh year following the year specified in subparagraph (A), the applicable percent specified in this paragraph for the previous year increased by 10 percentage points; and
“(C) for the eighth year following the year specified in subparagraph (A) and each subsequent year, 80 percent.

“(3) Secretarial authority.—

“(A) Authority to apply limitations.—The Secretary may apply reasonable limitations on the extent to which audiology services and hearing services are covered under this part, including through application of a prior authorization requirement.

“(B) Authority to modify coverage.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, if the Secretary determines appropriate, the Secretary may modify the coverage under this part of audiology services and hearing services to the extent that such modification is consistent with the recommendations of the United States Preventive Services Task Force.”.

(c) Payment under the Physician Fee Schedule.—Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(j)(3)), as amended by section 2(d), is further amended by inserting “(2)(II),” before “(3)”.

(d) Hearing Aids.—

(1) Repeal of ground for exclusion.—Section 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42
U.S.C. 1395y(a)(7)), as amended by section 3(g), is
further amended by striking “, hearing aids or ex-
aminations therefor,”.

(2) Definition of durable medical equip-
ment to include hearing aids.—Section 1861(n)
of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)), as
amended by section 3, is further amended by insert-
ing “hearing aids,” before “and eyeglass lenses”.

(3) Special payment rules for hearing
aids.—Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act
(42 U.S.C. 1395m(a)), as amended by sections 2
and 3, is further amended by adding at the end the
following new paragraph:

“(26) Payment and limits for hearing
aids.—

“(A) In general.—The payment amount
under this part for hearing aids shall be, sub-
ject to subparagraph (C), the applicable percent
(specified in subparagraph (B)) of the amount
otherwise payable for hearing aids under this
section.

“(B) Applicable percent.—For pur-
poses of subparagraph (A), the applicable per-
cent specified in this subparagraph is—
“(i) for the first year beginning at least 6 months after the date of the enactment of this paragraph, 0 percent;

“(ii) for the year following the year specified in clause (i) and each subsequent year through the seventh year following the year specified in clause (i), the applicable percent specified in this subparagraph for the previous year increased by 10 percentage points; and

“(iii) for the eighth year following the year specified in clause (i) and each subsequent year, 80 percent.

“(C) LIMITATIONS AND SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(i) IN GENERAL.—Payment may be made under this part for an individual for not more than one hearing aid per ear during a 48-month period.

“(ii) SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY.—

“(I) AUTHORITY TO APPLY ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.—The Secretary may apply additional limitations on the extent to which hearing aids are covered under this part, including
through application of a prior author-
ization requirement and through ap-
plication of criteria for a minimum
level of hearing loss for coverage of an
initial or replacement hearing aid.

“(II) Authority to modify
coverage.—Notwithstanding any
other provision of this title, if the Sec-
retary determines appropriate, the
Secretary may modify the coverage
under this part of hearing aids to the
extent that such modification is con-
sistent with the recommendations of
the United States Preventive Services
Task Force.”.

(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
this section shall apply to services furnished on or after
January 1 of the first year beginning at least six months
after the date of the enactment of this Act.