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# H. R. 7148

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.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 30, 2024

Mr. SMUCKER (for himself, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. TONKO, and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania) 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

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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 “Medicare Home Health  
5 Accessibility Act”.

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 January 1, 2025.

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