

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2324

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2005

Mr. ANDREWS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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. EXTENDING MEDICARE COVERAGE OF ORTHO-**  
4 **PEDIC SHOES TO NON-DIABETIC INDIVID-**  
5 **UALS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(12) of the Social  
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(12)) is amended—

1 (1) in the matter before subparagraph (A)—

2 (A) by striking “subject to section 4072(e)  
3 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of  
4 1987,”; and

5 (B) by inserting “or for an individual with  
6 another condition that a physician certifies as  
7 requiring such shoes” after “for an individual  
8 with diabetes”; and

9 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “diabetic  
10 condition” and inserting “diabetic or other condi-  
11 tion” each place it appears.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section  
13 1834(j)(5)(F)(iii) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
14 1395m(j)(5)(F)(iii)) is amended to read as follows:

15 “(iii) therapeutic shoes as described in  
16 section 1861(s)(12),”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 this section shall apply to shoes furnished on or after Jan-  
19 uary 1, 2006.

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