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# H. R. 576

To expand Medicare coverage to include eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 15, 2019

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (for herself, Mr. AGUILAR, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWNLEY of California, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CORREA, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HECK, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KILMER, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCEACHIN, Ms. MENG, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. O'HALLERAN, Mr. POCAN, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RYAN, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. SARBANES, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. SERRANO, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. VELA, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. PETERS, and Mr. TED LIEU of California) 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

# 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 “Seniors Have Eyes,  
5 Ears, and Teeth Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. EXPANSION OF MEDICARE COVERAGE.**

7       Section 1862(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8 1395y(a)) is amended—

9           (1) in paragraph (7) by striking “, eyeglasses”  
10       through “hearing aids or examinations therefor,”;  
11       and

12           (2) in paragraph (12) by striking “where such  
13       expenses are for services in connection with the care,  
14       treatment, filling, removal, or replacement of teeth  
15       or structures directly supporting teeth, except that”.

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