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# S. 983

To direct the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to clarify that implanted active middle ear hearing devices are prosthetics and are not subject to the hearing aid coverage exclusion under the Medicare program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2025

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. LANKFORD) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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 “Hearing Device Cov-  
5       erage Clarification Act”.

1   **SEC. 2. ACTIVE MIDDLE EAR IMPLANT COVERAGE.**

2           (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the  
3   date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the  
4   Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services shall clarify that  
5   implanted active middle ear hearing devices are pros-  
6   thetic that are not subject to the hearing aid coverage  
7   exclusion under section 1862(a)(7) of the Social Security  
8   Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(7)).

9           (b) PROSTHETIC DEFINED.—The term “prosthetic”  
10   has the meaning given such term in section 414.202 of  
11   title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regu-  
12   lation).

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