

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1068

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to include a definition of audiologist.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 10, 1999

Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself and Mr. BROWN of Ohio) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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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 “Medicaid Audiology  
5       Act of 1999”.

6       **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF DEFINITION OF AUDIOLOGIST.**

7       Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
8       1396d) is amended—

1           (1) in subsection (a)(13), by inserting “(includ-  
2       ing by an audiologist, as defined in subsection (v))”  
3       after “law”; and

4           (2) by adding at the end the following:

5       “(v) The term ‘audiologist’ means an individual with  
6 a master’s or doctoral degree in audiology who—

7           “(1) is licensed as an audiologist by the State  
8       in which the individual furnishes such services; or

9           “(2) in the case of an individual who furnishes  
10       services in a State which does not license audiol-  
11       ogists, has successfully completed 350 clock hours of  
12       supervised clinical practicum (or is in the process of  
13       accumulating such supervised clinical experience),  
14       performed not less than 9 months of supervised full-  
15       time audiology services after obtaining a master’s or  
16       doctoral degree in audiology or a related field, and  
17       successfully completed a national examination in  
18       audiology approved by the Secretary.”.

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