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H. R. 2321

To amend title 5, United States Code, to ensure that coverage under the health benefits program for Federal employees is provided for hearing aids and examinations therefor.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 23, 1999

Mrs. MORELLA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Reform

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. COVERAGE FOR HEARING AIDS.**

4 Section 8902 of title 5, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(p)(1) A contract may not be made or a plan ap-
7 proved which does not include coverage for hearing aids
8 and examinations therefor.

1 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘hear-
2 ing aid’ means any wearable instrument or device designed
3 for, offered for the purpose of, or represented as aiding
4 persons with or compensating for, impaired hearing.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 this section shall apply with respect to any contract en-
7 tered into or renewed, and any plan approved, on or after
8 the date of enactment of this Act.

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