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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to make a technical correction in the definition of outpatient speech-language pathology services.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UPTON 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. TECHNICAL CORRECTION IN THE DEFINITION**
4 **OF OUTPATIENT SPEECH-LANGUAGE PA-**
5 **THOLOGY SERVICES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(ll) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ll)) is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and (3) as
2 paragraphs (3) and (4), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
4 lowing new paragraph:

5 “(2) The term ‘outpatient speech-language pa-
6 thology services’ has the meaning given the term
7 ‘outpatient physical therapy services’ in subsection
8 (p), except that in applying such subsection—

9 “(A) ‘speech-language pathology’ shall be
10 substituted for ‘physical therapy’ each place it
11 appears; and

12 “(B) ‘speech-language pathologist’ shall be
13 substituted for ‘physical therapist’ each place it
14 appears.”.

15 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section
16 1861(p) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(p))
17 is amended by striking the fourth sentence.

18 (2) Section 1833(a)(8)(A) of the Social Security Act
19 (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(8)(A)) is amended by striking “out-
20 patient physical therapy services (which includes out-
21 patient speech-language pathology services) and out-
22 patient occupational therapy services” and inserting “out-
23 patient physical therapy services, outpatient speech-lan-
24 guage pathology services, and outpatient occupational
25 therapy services”.

1 (3) Section 1833(a)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act
2 (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(8)(B)) is amended by striking “out-
3 patient physical therapy services (which includes out-
4 patient speech-language pathology services) and out-
5 patient occupational therapy services” and inserting “out-
6 patient physical therapy services, outpatient speech-lan-
7 guage pathology services, and outpatient occupational
8 therapy services”.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall apply to services provided on or after
11 the date that is 6 months after the date of enactment of
12 this Act.

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