

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 3464

To amend the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare Program of audiologic rehabilitation services.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 6, 2003

Mr. INSLEE 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

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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 “Medicare Audiologic  
5       Rehabilitation Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF AUDIOLOGIC REHABILI-**  
2 **TATION SERVICES.**

3 (a) EXPANSION OF AUDIOLOGY SERVICES.—Section  
4 1861(l)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 1395x(l)(2)) is amended by inserting “and such rehabili-  
6 tation and treatment services” after “hearing and balance  
7 assessment services”.

8 (b) CONFORMING COVERAGE AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) COVERAGE.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the So-  
10 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is amend-  
11 ed—

12 (A) in subparagraph (U), by striking  
13 “and” at the end;

14 (B) in subparagraph (V) by inserting  
15 “and” at the end; and

16 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
17 subparagraph:

18 “(W) audiology services (as defined in sub-  
19 section (l)(2));”.

20 (2) PAYMENT.—Section 1848(j)(3) of such Act  
21 (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting  
22 “(2)(W),” after “(2)(S),”.

23 (3) EXCEPTION FROM CURRENT EXCLUSION  
24 FOR HEARING AID EXAMINATIONS.—Section  
25 1862(a)(7) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(a)(7)) is  
26 amended by inserting after “hearing aids or exami-

1       nations therefor” the following: “(other than reha-  
2       bilitation and treatment services described in section  
3       1861(l)(2) whether furnished by an audiologist or a  
4       physician)”.

5       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
6       this section shall apply to services furnished on or after  
7       January 1, 2004.

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