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H. R. 6290

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require Medicaid coverage of optometrists.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. BARROW) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. REQUIRING COVERAGE OF SERVICES OF OP-**
4 **TOMETRISTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(5) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(5)) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” before “(B)”;

8 (2) by inserting before the semicolon at the end

9 the following: “, and (C) medical and other health

10 services (as defined in section 1861(s)) as authorized

1 by State law, furnished by an optometrist (described
2 in section 1861(r)(4)) to the extent such services
3 may be performed under State law”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
6 graph (2), the amendments made by subsection (a)
7 shall take effect 90 days after the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act and shall apply to services fur-
9 nished or other actions required on or after such
10 date.

11 (2) RULE FOR CHANGES REQUIRING STATE
12 LEGISLATION.—In the case of a State plan for med-
13 ical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security
14 Act which the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
15 ices determines requires State legislation (other than
16 legislation appropriating funds) in order for the plan
17 to meet the additional requirement imposed by the
18 amendments made by subsection (a), the State plan
19 shall not be regarded as failing to comply with the
20 requirements of such title solely on the basis of its
21 failure to meet this additional requirement before
22 the first day of the first calendar quarter beginning
23 after the close of the first regular session of the
24 State legislature that begins after the date of the en-
25 actment of this Act. For purposes of the previous

1 sentence, in the case of a State that has a 2-year
2 legislative session, each year of such session shall be
3 deemed to be a separate regular session of the State
4 legislature.

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