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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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 17, 2005

Mr. ENSIGN (for himself and Ms. LANDRIEU) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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—

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

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

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

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

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

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(1) Section
14 1861(p) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(p))
15 is amended by striking the fourth sentence.

16 (2) Section 1833(a)(8)(A) of the Social Security Act
17 (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(8)(A)) is amended by striking “out-
18 patient physical therapy services (which includes out-
19 patient speech-language pathology services) and out-
20 patient occupational therapy services” and inserting “out-
21 patient physical therapy services, outpatient speech-lan-
22 guage pathology services, and outpatient occupational
23 therapy services”.

24 (3) Section 1833(a)(8)(B) of the Social Security Act
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2 patient speech-language pathology services) and out-
3 patient occupational therapy services” and inserting “out-
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5 guage pathology services, and outpatient occupational
6 therapy services”.

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

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