

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4479

To provide for coverage of augmentative communication devices under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 17, 2000

Mr. CUNNINGHAM (for himself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. COYNE, Mr. FROST, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Mr. BERMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, 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. CHANGE IN MEDICARE NATIONAL COVERAGE**

4 **DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT TO AUG-**

5 **MENTATIVE COMMUNICATION DEVICES.**

6 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall  
7 promulgate, within 60 days after the date of the enact-  
8 ment of this Act, a national coverage determination under

1 title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to mandate  
2 coverage under the medicare program of augmentative  
3 communication devices (also known as alternative commu-  
4 nication devices) for individuals with a severe speech dis-  
5 ability.

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