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SCHAKOWSKY INTRODUCES BILL TO MAKE OPTOMETRISTS PROVIDERS UNDER MEDICAID

WASHINGTON, DC—U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) recently introduced H.R. 1983, which

“This bill will give low-income families and persons with disabilities access to certified eye care professionals.

H.R. 1983 would simply expand the definition of a physician under Medicaid to include optometrists. The

Optometrists are the frontline providers of eye and vision care, treating patients of all ages in 6,500 communities.

There are over 40 million Americans currently enrolled in Medicaid and nearly 20 million of those recipients