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H. R. 1667

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for
acupuncturist services under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Ms. CHU (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) 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 subse-
quently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such
provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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coverage for acupuncturist services under the Medicare
program.

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 “Acupuncture for Our
5 Seniors Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE FOR ACUPUNCTURIST SERVICES UNDER**
2 **THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (s)(2)—

6 (A) by adding “and” at the end of sub-
7 paragraph (JJ); and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following new
9 subparagraph:

10 “(KK) qualified acupuncturist services (as de-
11 fined in subsection (nnn)(1));”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(nnn) QUALIFIED ACUPUNCTURIST SERVICES.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified
16 acupuncturist services’ means such services fur-
17 nished by a qualified acupuncturist (as defined in
18 paragraph (2)), and such services and supplies fur-
19 nished as an incident to services furnished by the
20 qualified acupuncturist, as the qualified
21 acupuncturist is legally authorized to perform under
22 State law.

23 “(2) QUALIFIED ACUPUNCTURIST DEFINED.—

24 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘qualified
25 acupuncturist’ means—

“(A) an individual who is licensed as an acupuncturist by a State or, in the case of an individual in a State that does not provide for such licensure, meets such criteria (such as certification through an appropriate nationally recognized certification authority for acupuncturists) as the Secretary may specify; or

“(B) a physician who is legally authorized to perform acupuncture as part of the practice of medicine and surgery by the State in which the physician performs such function or action.

In specifying requirements under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may use the same requirements as those established by a certification authority described in such subparagraph.”.

(b) PAYMENT RULES.—

(1) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting “(2)(KK),” before “(3),”.

(2) SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF INSTITUTIONAL PROVIDERS.—Section 1833(a)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

(A) in clause (i), by inserting “and in the case of qualified acupuncturist services,” after “1999,”;

(B) in clause (ii), by inserting “or in the case of qualified acupuncturist services,” after “1999,”; and

(C) in clause (iii), by inserting “(other than qualified acupuncturist services)” after “such services”.

(3) QUALIFIED ACUPUNCTURIST TREATMENT AS A PRACTITIONER.—Section 1842(b)(18)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395u(b)(18)(C)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(ix) A qualified acupuncturist (as defined in section 1861(nnn)(2)).”.

(4) SEPARATE BILLING FOR ACUPUNCTURIST SERVICES FURNISHED IN AN INPATIENT HOSPITAL SETTING.—Section 1861(b)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(b)(4)) is amended by inserting “qualified acupuncturist services,” after “qualified psychologist services,”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section apply with respect to services furnished on or

- 1 after the date that is 270 days after the date of enactment
- 2 of this Act.

