

Union Calendar No. 656

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 1703

[Report No. 119–753, Part I]

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify payment rules for manual wheelchairs under part B of the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. BUCHANAN) 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 subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JULY 18, 2026

Additional sponsors: Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. BRESNAHAN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. GILLEN, Mr. VAN ORDEN, and Mr. VAN DREW

JULY 18, 2026

Reported from the Committee on Energy and Commerce with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

JULY 18, 2026

Committee on Ways and Means discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 27, 2025]

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 *This Act may be cited as the “Choices for Increased*
 5 *Mobility Act of 2026”.*

6 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREATMENT OF CER-**
 7 **TAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS UNDER THE**
 8 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

9 *Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.*
 10 *1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following*
 11 *new paragraph:*

12 “(24) *SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREATMENT*
 13 *OF CERTAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS.—*

14 “(A) *REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH SEPA-*
 15 *RATE HCPCS CODES FOR CERTAIN MANUAL*
 16 *WHEELCHAIRS.—With respect to ultralightweight*
 17 *manual wheelchairs payable under this sub-*
 18 *section furnished on or after January 1, 2028,*
 19 *the Secretary shall establish two or more HCPCS*
 20 *codes, as determined appropriate by the Sec-*
 21 *retary, for the base of such a wheelchair depend-*
 22 *ing on the construction material used in such*
 23 *base (with 1 or more such codes for such a base*
 24 *with titanium or carbon fiber construction mate-*

rial and 1 or more such codes for such a base
without such materials).

“(B) *PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS.*—

“(i) *PAYMENT.*—On or after January
1, 2028, in the case where an individual
purchases or rents from a supplier an
ultralightweight manual wheelchair that
has titanium or carbon fiber construction
material used in the base of such wheel-
chair, payment to the supplier shall be
made in the frequency and amount as
would otherwise be made under this sub-
section (as described in paragraph (1)(A))
for such wheelchair.

“(ii) *BENEFICIARY CHARGES.*—The
supplier may charge the individual the dif-
ference between the supplier’s actual charge
for such wheelchair and the payment
amount described in clause (i) for such
wheelchair.

“(iii) *BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS.*—In
order to inform an individual of the indi-
vidual’s potential financial liability under
clause (ii), the Secretary may require a

1 *supplier to issue a notice to the individual*
2 *(in a form and manner determined by the*
3 *Secretary) prior to the purchase or rental of*
4 *such ultralightweight manual wheelchair by*
5 *such individual.”.*

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