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H. R. 5199

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to modernize physician, physician assistant, and nurse practitioner utilization requirements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Mr. MANN (for himself, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. MANNION, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. COSTA, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. BOEBERT, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) 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

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 “Modernizing Rural
5 Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner Utilization
6 Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODERNIZING PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT,**
2 **AND NURSE PRACTITIONER UTILIZATION RE-**
3 **QUIREMENTS.**

4 Section 1861(aa) of the Social Security Act (42
5 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “has an
7 arrangement” and all that follows through the first
8 semicolon and inserting “meets the requirements de-
9 scribed in paragraph (8);”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(8) REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN FACILITIES
13 DESCRIBED.—For purposes of paragraph (2)(B),
14 with respect to a facility which is not a physician-
15 directed clinic, the following requirements are de-
16 scribed in this paragraph:

17 “(A) ARRANGEMENT.—The facility has an
18 arrangement consistent with the provisions of
19 State and local law relative to the practice, per-
20 formance, and delivery of health services, with
21 one or more physician assistants (as defined in
22 paragraph (5)(A)) or one or more nurse practi-
23 tioners (as defined in such paragraph).

24 “(B) PRACTICE AND OVERSIGHT REQUIRE-
25 MENTS.—The delivery of health services under
26 such arrangement shall be in accordance with

1 State law or the State regulatory mechanism
2 governing the practice of physician assistants or
3 nurse practitioners.”.

4 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

5 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
6 take effect on January 1, 2027, and shall apply to items
7 and services furnished on or after such date.

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