

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6160

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for an update to a single conversion factor under the Medicare physician fee schedule that is based on the Medicare economic index.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. BERA, and Ms. SCHRIER) 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 “Strengthening Medi-
5 care for Patients and Providers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSITION TO AN UPDATE TO A SINGLE CONVER-**
2 **SION FACTOR UNDER THE MEDICARE PHYSI-**
3 **CIAN FEE SCHEDULE BASED ON THE MEDI-**
4 **CARE ECONOMIC INDEX.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1848(d)(2) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–4(d)(20)) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 “(20) UPDATE FOR 2026 AND SUBSEQUENT
9 YEARS.—The update to the single conversion factor
10 established in paragraph (1)(C) for 2026 and each
11 subsequent year shall be equal to the Secretary’s es-
12 timate of the percentage increase in the MEI (as de-
13 fined in section 1842(i)(3)) for the year.”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE FOR A
15 SINGLE CONVERSION FACTOR AFTER 2025.—Section
16 1848(d)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
17 1395w–4(d)(1)(A)) is amended—

18 (1) by striking “and ending with 2025”; and

19 (2) by striking “There shall be two separate
20 conversion factors” and all that follows through the
21 end of the subparagraph.

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