

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8081

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 25, 2026

Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. TONKO) 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 “Mental Health Access
5 and Provider Support Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVING ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

7 **UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (F)(ii), by striking “75
2 percent of the amount determined for payment of a
3 psychologist under clause (L)” and inserting “85
4 percent of the fee schedule amount provided under
5 section 1848”; and

6 (2) in subparagraph (FF), by striking “75 per-
7 cent of the amount determined for payment of a
8 psychologist under subparagraph (L)” and inserting
9 “85 percent of the fee schedule amount provided
10 under section 1848”.

11 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to items and services furnished on
13 or after January 1, 2027.

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