

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8823

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Employees' Compensation Act to allow the Secretary of Labor to suspend payments to medical providers who have been convicted of fraud.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Putting Patients First
3 by Strengthening Provider Accountability in FECA Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. FRAUD CONVICTIONS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8103 of title 5, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “These ex-
8 penses” and inserting “Subject to subsection (c),
9 these expenses”;

10 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Sec-
11 retary, under” and inserting “Subject to subsection
12 (c), the Secretary, under”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(c)(1) The Secretary of Labor may suspend pay-
15 ments to a provider of services, appliances, or supplies fur-
16 nished pursuant to subsection (a), or vouchers or certifi-
17 cations described in subsection (b) for the expenses in-
18 curred by the employing agency with respect to such a
19 provider, if the provider has been convicted of fraud with
20 respect to—

21 “(A) this subchapter;

22 “(B) any Federal health care benefit program
23 (as defined in section 24 of title 18, United States
24 Code); or

25 “(C) any State program for which payments
26 are made to providers for services, appliances, or

1 supplies similar to such services, appliances, or sup-
2 plies provided pursuant to this subchapter.

3 “(2) The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to
4 carry out this subsection.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this Act shall apply with respect to payments made to a
7 provider of services, appliances, or supplies on or after the
8 date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this
9 Act.

Passed the House of Representatives July 20, 2026.

Attest:

Clerk.

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