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H. R. 8875

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to include certain additional services as self-care home dialysis support services under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 2026

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia 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 “Improving Home Di-
5 alysis Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUDING CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SERVICES AS**
2 **SELF-CARE HOME DIALYSIS SUPPORT SERV-**
3 **ICES UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1881(b)(9) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395rr(b)(9)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “and” at
7 the end;

8 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as sub-
9 paragraph (F);

10 (3) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
11 lowing new subparagraphs:

12 “(D) beginning January 1, 2028, staff-assisted
13 home dialysis respite care furnished to a patient in
14 the place of residence used as such patient’s home
15 (other than a skilled nursing facility or a nursing fa-
16 cility (as defined in section 1919(a)));

17 “(E) beginning January 1, 2028, renal mental
18 health services furnished to a patient in the place of
19 residence used as such patient’s home (other than a
20 skilled nursing facility or a nursing facility (as de-
21 fined in section 1919(a))); and”;

22 (4) by adding at the end the following flush
23 matter:

24 “For purposes of subparagraph (D), the term ‘staff-as-
25 sisted home dialysis respite care’ means dialysis services
26 furnished by qualified personnel to a patient dialyzing at

1 home who is temporarily unable to competently dialyze at
2 home independently during the 30-day period beginning
3 on the first day that the patient initiates home dialysis
4 (or, in the case of a patient whose temporary inability to
5 competently dialyze is attributable to a physical limitation,
6 at any time). For purposes of the preceding sentence, the
7 term ‘qualified personnel’ means a registered nurse, a li-
8 censed practical nurse, a certified patient care technician,
9 or another qualified medical professional specified by the
10 Secretary, who meets requirements (as determined by the
11 Secretary) that ensure competency in patient care and mo-
12 dality usage, including completing training specific to
13 staff-assisted home dialysis respite care as specified by the
14 Secretary. For purposes of subparagraph (E), the term
15 ‘renal mental health services’ means services described in
16 section 494.90(a)(6) of title 42, Code of Federal Regula-
17 tions (or a successor regulation), furnished to a patient
18 dialyzing at home during the 60-day period beginning on
19 the first day that the patient initiates home dialysis by
20 an individual who meets the standard specified in section
21 494.140(d) of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or
22 a successor regulation).”.

23 (b) PAYMENT ADJUSTMENTS FOR CERTAIN SELF-
24 CARE HOME DIALYSIS SUPPORT SERVICES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1881(b)(14) of the
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395rr(b)(14)) is
3 amended—

4 (A) in subparagraph (D)—

5 (i) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (ii) by redesignating clause (iv) as
8 clause (vi); and

9 (iii) by inserting after clause (iii) the
10 following new clauses:

11 “(iv) shall include a payment adjustment for
12 staff-assisted home dialysis respite care (as de-
13 scribed in paragraph (9)(D)) in accordance with
14 subparagraph (J);

15 “(v) shall include a payment adjustment for
16 renal mental health services (as described in para-
17 graph (9)(E)) in accordance with subparagraph (K);
18 and”; and

19 (B) by adding at the end the following new
20 subparagraphs:

21 “(J)(i) For purposes of subparagraph (D)(iv), subject
22 to clause (ii), a payment adjustment shall be made for
23 each session of staff-assisted home dialysis respite care (as
24 described in paragraph (9)(D)) furnished during a year
25 equal to the amount of the add-on per treatment adjust-

1 ment for home and self-dialysis training furnished in 2025
2 (or, in the case of such care that is not furnished in a
3 rural area (as defined for purposes of such subparagraph),
4 75 percent of such amount).

5 “(ii) In no case may a payment adjustment under
6 subparagraph (D)(iv) be made for staff-assisted home di-
7 alysis respite care furnished to an individual—

8 “(I) for more than 20 sessions in a calendar
9 year; or

10 “(II) on a day when such individual was not
11 dialyzing at home.

12 “(iii) Any payment adjustment under subparagraph
13 (D)(iv) for staff-assisted home dialysis respite care shall
14 not be made in a budget neutral manner.

15 “(K)(i) For purposes of subparagraph (D)(v), subject
16 to clause (ii), a payment adjustment shall be made for
17 each session of renal mental health services (as described
18 in paragraph (9)(E)) furnished during a year equal to 50
19 percent (or 25 percent, in the case of such services that
20 are not furnished in a rural area (as defined for purposes
21 of subparagraph (D))) of the amount of the add-on per
22 treatment adjustment for home and self-dialysis training
23 furnished in 2025.

1 “(ii) In no case may a payment adjustment under
 2 subparagraph (D)(v) be made for renal mental health
 3 services furnished to an individual—

4 “(I) for more than 4 sessions occurring during
 5 the 60-day period beginning on the first day that the
 6 individual initiates home dialysis; or

7 “(II) on a day when such individual was not
 8 dialyzing at home.

9 “(iii) Any payment adjustment under subparagraph
 10 (D)(v) for renal mental health services shall not be made
 11 in a budget neutral manner.”.

12 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 13 1834(r)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 14 1395m(r)(1)) is amended by striking “subparagraph
 15 (D)(iv)(II)” and inserting “subparagraph
 16 (D)(vi)(II)”.

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