

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 4202

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 2026

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. COONS, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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”;

6 (2) in subparagraph (EE), by striking
7 “1847A(i)(5)(B)” and inserting “1847A(i)(5)(B),”;
8 and

9 (3) in subparagraph (FF), by striking “75 per-
10 cent of the amount determined for payment of a
11 psychologist under subparagraph (L)” and inserting
12 “85 percent of the fee schedule amount provided
13 under section 1848”.

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

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