

119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7535

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require coverage of 12 mental health telehealth visits per calendar year for certain previously incarcerated individuals under the Medicaid program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 12, 2026

Mrs. FOUSHEE (for herself, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BELL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. ROSS, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. MOULTON, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Second Chance Mental
5 Health Access Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING COVERAGE OF 12 MENTAL HEALTH**
2 **TELEHEALTH VISITS PER CALENDAR YEAR**
3 **FOR CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED**
4 **INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE MEDICAID PRO-**
5 **GRAM.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1902(a) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (88), by striking “and” at the
9 end;

10 (2) in paragraph (89), by striking the period
11 and inserting “; and”; and

12 (3) by inserting after paragraph (89) the fol-
13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(90) provide, in the case of an individual en-
15 rolled under the State plan (or waiver of such plan)
16 who is subject to home confinement pursuant to ju-
17 dicial process and who was incarcerated in a public
18 institution immediately prior to such home confine-
19 ment, for coverage of 12 mental health visits fur-
20 nished via telehealth during each calendar year oc-
21 ccurring during the period of such confinement.”.

22 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
23 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to individuals re-
24 leased from a public institution on or after the date of
25 the enactment of this Act.