

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BARRASSO (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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**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 “ACO Assignment Im-  
5       provement Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF BENE-**  
2 **FICIARIES UNDER THE MEDICARE SHARED**  
3 **SAVINGS PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1899(c)(1) of the Social Security Act (42  
5 U.S.C. 1395jjj(c)(1)) is amended—

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

8 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period  
9 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 paragraph:

12 “(C) in the case of performance years be-  
13 ginning on or after January 1, 2026, primary  
14 care services provided under this title by an  
15 ACO professional described in subsection  
16 (h)(1)(B).”.