

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 “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.