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119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FITZPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was 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”; and

6           (2) in subparagraph (FF), by striking “75 per-  
7           cent of the amount determined for payment of a  
8           psychologist under subparagraph (L)” and inserting  
9           “85 percent of the fee schedule amount provided  
10          under section 1848”

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