

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8658

[Report No. 119–]

To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to modify the notification requirement for emergency contract health services for certain beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2026

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

JULY --, 2026

Reported from the Committee on Natural Resources

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 “Indian Health Service
5 Emergency Claims Parity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACT**
7 **HEALTH SERVICES.**

8 Section 406 of the Indian Health Care Improvement
9 Act (25 U.S.C. 1646) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “With respect to” and inserting
11 the following:

12 “(b) ELDERLY OR DISABLED INDIANS.—With re-
13 spect to”; and

14 (2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so
15 designated) the following:

16 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
17 (b), with respect to an Indian receiving emergency medical
18 care or services from a non-Service provider or in a non-
19 Service facility under the authority of this Act, the time
20 limitation (as a condition of payment) for notifying the
21 Service of such treatment or admission shall not be less
22 than 15 days.”.