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H. R. 1703

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify payment rules
for manual wheelchairs under part B of the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

A BILL

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the Medicare program.

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 “Choices for Increased
5 Mobility Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREATMENT OF CER-**
2 **TAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS UNDER THE**
3 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following
6 new paragraph:

7 “(24) SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREAT-
8 MENT OF CERTAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS.—

9 “(A) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH SEPA-
10 RATE HCPCS CODES FOR CERTAIN MANUAL
11 WHEELCHAIRS.—With respect to
12 ultralightweight manual wheelchairs payable
13 under this subsection furnished on or after Jan-
14 uary 1, 2028, the Secretary shall establish two
15 or more HCPCS codes, as determined appro-
16 priate by the Secretary, for the base of such a
17 wheelchair depending on the construction mate-
18 rial used in such base (with 1 or more such
19 codes for such a base with titanium or carbon
20 fiber construction material and 1 or more such
21 codes for such a base without such materials).

22 “(B) PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PRO-
23 TECTIONS.—

24 “(i) PAYMENT.—On or after January
25 1, 2028, in the case where an individual
26 purchases or rents from a supplier an

1 ultralightweight manual wheelchair that
2 has titanium or carbon fiber construction
3 material used in the base of such wheel-
4 chair, payment to the supplier shall be
5 made in the frequency and amount as
6 would otherwise be made under this sub-
7 section (as described in paragraph (1)(A))
8 for such wheelchair.

9 “(ii) BENEFICIARY CHARGES.—The
10 supplier may charge the individual the dif-
11 ference between the supplier’s actual
12 charge for such wheelchair and the pay-
13 ment amount described in clause (i) for
14 such wheelchair.

15 “(iii) BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS.—
16 In order to inform an individual of the in-
17 dividual’s potential financial liability under
18 clause (ii), the Secretary may require a
19 supplier to issue a notice to the individual
20 (in a form and manner determined by the
21 Secretary) prior to the purchase or rental
22 of such ultralightweight manual wheelchair
23 by such individual.”.