

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 1703
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Choices for Increased
3 Mobility Act of 2026”.

**4 SEC. 2. SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREATMENT OF CER-
5 TAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS UNDER THE
6 MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

7 Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following
9 new paragraph:

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

12 “(A) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH SEPA-
13 RATE HCPCS CODES FOR CERTAIN MANUAL
14 WHEELCHAIRS.—With respect to
15 ultralightweight manual wheelchairs payable
16 under this subsection furnished on or after Jan-
17 uary 1, 2028, the Secretary shall establish two
18 or more HCPCS codes, as determined appro-

1 priate by the Secretary, for the base of such a
2 wheelchair depending on the construction mate-
3 rial used in such base (with 1 or more such
4 codes for such a base with titanium or carbon
5 fiber construction material and 1 or more such
6 codes for such a base without such materials).

7 “(B) PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PRO-
8 TECTIONS.—

9 “(i) PAYMENT.—On or after January
10 1, 2028, in the case where an individual
11 purchases or rents from a supplier an
12 ultralightweight manual wheelchair that
13 has titanium or carbon fiber construction
14 material used in the base of such wheel-
15 chair, payment to the supplier shall be
16 made in the frequency and amount as
17 would otherwise be made under this sub-
18 section (as described in paragraph (1)(A))
19 for such wheelchair.

20 “(ii) BENEFICIARY CHARGES.—The
21 supplier may charge the individual the dif-
22 ference between the supplier’s actual
23 charge for such wheelchair and the pay-
24 ment amount described in clause (i) for
25 such wheelchair.

1 “(iii) BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS.—
2 In order to inform an individual of the in-
3 dividual’s potential financial liability under
4 clause (ii), the Secretary may require a
5 supplier to issue a notice to the individual
6 (in a form and manner determined by the
7 Secretary) prior to the purchase or rental
8 of such ultralightweight manual wheelchair
9 by such individual.”.

