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[Report No. 119-]

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

JUNE --, 2026

Reported from the Committee on Energy and Commerce with an amendment

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 27, 2025]

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 “Choices for Increased*
5 *Mobility Act of 2026”.*

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

9 *Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.*
10 *1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following*
11 *new paragraph:*

12 “(24) *SPECIAL RULES RELATED TO TREATMENT*
13 *OF CERTAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS.—*

14 “(A) *REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH SEPA-*
15 *RATE HCPCS CODES FOR CERTAIN MANUAL*
16 *WHEELCHAIRS.—With respect to ultralightweight*
17 *manual wheelchairs payable under this sub-*
18 *section furnished on or after January 1, 2028,*
19 *the Secretary shall establish two or more HCPCS*
20 *codes, as determined appropriate by the Sec-*
21 *retary, for the base of such a wheelchair depend-*
22 *ing on the construction material used in such*
23 *base (with 1 or more such codes for such a base*
24 *with titanium or carbon fiber construction mate-*

1 *rial and 1 or more such codes for such a base*
2 *without such materials).*

3 *“(B) PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PROTEC-*
4 *TIONS.—*

5 *“(i) PAYMENT.—On or after January*
6 *1, 2028, in the case where an individual*
7 *purchases or rents from a supplier an*
8 *ultralightweight manual wheelchair that*
9 *has titanium or carbon fiber construction*
10 *material used in the base of such wheel-*
11 *chair, payment to the supplier shall be*
12 *made in the frequency and amount as*
13 *would otherwise be made under this sub-*
14 *section (as described in paragraph (1)(A))*
15 *for such wheelchair.*

16 *“(ii) BENEFICIARY CHARGES.—The*
17 *supplier may charge the individual the dif-*
18 *ference between the supplier’s actual charge*
19 *for such wheelchair and the payment*
20 *amount described in clause (i) for such*
21 *wheelchair.*

22 *“(iii) BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS.—In*
23 *order to inform an individual of the indi-*
24 *vidual’s potential financial liability under*
25 *clause (ii), the Secretary may require a*

1 *supplier to issue a notice to the individual*
2 *(in a form and manner determined by the*
3 *Secretary) prior to the purchase or rental of*
4 *such ultralightweight manual wheelchair by*
5 *such individual.”.*