

Union Calendar No. 805

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8244

[Report No. 118-956, Part I]

To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act ensure appropriate approval for certain skilled nursing facility and nursing facility nursing aide training and competency evaluation programs under the Medicare and Medicaid program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 2024

Mr. ESTES (for himself and Mr. CONNOLLY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

DECEMBER 27, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. FEENSTRA, Mrs. FISCHBACH, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. VAN ORDEN

DECEMBER 27, 2024

Reported from the Committee on Ways and Means with an amendment

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

DECEMBER 27, 2024

Committee on Energy and Commerce discharged; committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on May 6, 2024]

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 “Ensuring Seniors’ Ac-*
 5 *cess to Quality Care Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. ENSURING APPROPRIATE APPROVAL FOR CERTAIN**
 7 **SKILLED NURSING FACILITY AND NURSING**
 8 **FACILITY NURSING AIDE TRAINING AND COM-**
 9 **PETENCY EVALUATION PROGRAMS UNDER**
 10 **THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAM.**

11 *(a) MEDICARE.—Section 1819(f)(2) of the Social Secu-*
 12 *rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395i–3(f)(2)) is amended—*

13 *(1) in subparagraph (B)(iii)—*

14 *(A) in the matter preceding subclause (I),*
 15 *by striking “subparagraphs (C) and (D)” and*
 16 *inserting “subparagraph (C)”; and*

17 *(B) in subclause (I)—*

18 *(i) in item (b), by striking “or” at the*
 19 *end;*

20 *(ii) by amending item (c) to read as*
 21 *follows:*

22 *“(c) has been assessed a civil*
 23 *money penalty described in sub-*
 24 *section (h)(2)(B)(i) or section*
 25 *1919(h)(2)(A)(i) of not less than*

1 \$12,924 and has been cited for a
2 deficiency relating to the quality
3 of care provided to residents of the
4 facility; or”; and

5 (iii) by adding at the end the following
6 new item:

7 “(d) has been subject to a
8 remedy described in clause (i) or
9 (iii) of subsection (h)(2)(B), sub-
10 section (h)(4), section
11 1919(h)(1)(B)(i), or in clause (i),
12 (iii), or (iv) of section
13 1919(h)(2)(A), or”; and

14 (2) by striking subparagraph (D).

15 (b) *MEDICAID*.—Section 1919(f)(2) of the Social Secu-
16 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r(f)(2)) is amended—

17 (1) in subparagraph (B)(iii)—

18 (A) in the matter preceding subclause (I),
19 by striking “subparagraphs (C) and (D)” and
20 inserting “subparagraph (C)”; and

21 (B) in subclause (I)—

22 (i) in item (b), by striking “or” at the
23 end;

24 (ii) by amending item (c) to read as
25 follows:

1 “(c) has been assessed a civil
2 money penalty described in sub-
3 section (h)(2)(A)(ii) or section
4 1819(h)(2)(B)(ii) of not less than
5 \$12,924 and has been cited for a
6 deficiency relating to the quality
7 of care provided to residents of the
8 facility; or”;

9 (iii) by adding at the end the following
10 new item:

11 “(d) has been subject to a
12 remedy described in subsection
13 (h)(1)(B)(i), clauses (i), (iii), or
14 (iv) of subsection (h)(2)(A),
15 clauses (i) or (iii) of section
16 1819(h)(2)(B), or section
17 1819(h)(4), or”;

18 (2) by striking subparagraph (D).

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