

112TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 2783

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services under the Medicare Program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 1, 2011

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

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## 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 “Medicare Mental  
5 Health Inpatient Equity Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF 190-DAY LIFETIME LIMIT ON INPA-**  
7 **TIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL SERVICES.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1812 of the Social Secu-  
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395d) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b)—

2 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding “or” at  
3 the end;

4 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “; or” at  
5 the end and inserting a period; and

6 (C) by striking paragraph (3); and

7 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “(but shall not  
8 be included” and all that follows before the period  
9 at the end.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11 subsection (a) shall apply to items and services furnished  
12 on or after January 1, 2012.

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