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H. R. 873

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Armed Services

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. TRICARE REIMBURSEMENT RATES.**

4 (a) RATES.—Section 1097b(a) of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and para-
7 graph (3)(A)” after “Subject to paragraph (2)”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “In estab-
2 lishing” and inserting the following:

3 “(A)(i) Except as provided by paragraph (1), if the
4 Secretary may determine among more than one reimburse-
5 ment rate to pay a health care provider for care or services
6 provided under the TRICARE program, the Secretary
7 shall pay the lowest rate authorized for such care or serv-
8 ices.

9 “(ii) The Secretary shall establish reimbursement
10 rates for care or services paid to health care providers
11 under the TRICARE program that are specific with re-
12 spect to the following locations at which the care or serv-
13 ices were provided (regardless of the location of the head-
14 quarters of the health care provider):

15 “(I) An inpatient hospital.

16 “(II) An on-campus hospital outpatient depart-
17 ment.

18 “(III) An off-campus hospital outpatient de-
19 partment.

20 “(IV) An ambulatory surgical center.

21 “(V) The office of a physician.

22 “(iii) The Secretary shall ensure that a claim for re-
23 imbursement includes a unique, geographically specific na-
24 tional provider identifier code that identifies the location
25 of the provider as described in clause (ii).

1 “(B) In establishing”.

2 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by

3 subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2026.

