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H. R. 5217

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to remove certain limitations on the delivery of behavioral health services at rural health clinics under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

Ms. TOKUDA (for herself, Mr. MANN, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. MANNION, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. COSTA, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. BOEBERT, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) 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

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 “Rural Behavioral
5 Health Improvement Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LIMITATION.**

2 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1861(aa)(2) of the Social
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)(2)) is amended, in the
4 first sentence in the matter following subparagraph (K),
5 by striking “or a facility which is primarily for the care
6 and treatment of mental diseases”.

7 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) shall apply beginning January 1, 2027.

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