

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7486

To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to provide for support to facility-based providers through contracts with quality improvement organizations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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

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 “Protecting Hospitals
5 from Disaster Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING FOR SUPPORT TO FACILITY-BASED**
2 **PROVIDERS THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH**
3 **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ORGANIZATIONS.**

4 (a) QIO FUNCTION.—Section 1154(a) of the Social
5 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320c–3(a)) is amended by add-
6 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(19) The organization shall provide support to
8 facility-based providers (as defined in section
9 1862(g)(3)(B)) to prepare for and respond to ex-
10 treme weather events to mitigate physical and chron-
11 ic risks to such providers and their patients.”.

12 (b) TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR QIO SUPPORT.—Sec-
13 tion 1862(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
14 1395y(g)) is amended by adding at the end the following
15 new paragraph:

16 “(3)(A) The Secretary shall provide for the
17 transfer, from the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust
18 Fund established under section 1817 to the Centers
19 for Medicare & Medicaid Services Program Manage-
20 ment Account, of \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2026,
21 to remain available until expended, for purposes of
22 requiring organizations described in paragraph (1)
23 to provide to a facility-based provider (as defined in
24 subparagraph (B)) support for the purposes de-
25 scribed in section 1154(a)(19).

1 “(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the
2 term facility-based provider means—

3 “(i) a hospital (as defined in section
4 1861(e));

5 “(ii) a psychiatric hospital (as defined in
6 section 1861(f));

7 “(iii) a skilled nursing facility (as defined
8 in section 1861(j));

9 “(iv) a critical access hospital (as defined
10 in section 1861(mm));

11 “(v) a long-term care hospital (as defined
12 in section 1861(ccc));

13 “(vi) a rural emergency hospital (as de-
14 fined in section 1861(kkk)(2)); or

15 “(vii) an inpatient rehabilitation facility
16 (as defined in section 1886(d)(1)(B)(ii)).”.

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