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# H. R. 8391

To amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require coverage of certain food and nutrition services under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2026

Mr. RUIZ 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

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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. REQUIRING COVERAGE OF CERTAIN FOOD AND**  
4 **NUTRITION SERVICES UNDER MEDICARE**  
5 **AND MEDICAID.**

6 (a) COVERAGE UNDER MEDICARE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(s)(2) of the  
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(s)(2)) is  
3 amended—

4           (A) in subparagraph (JJ), by striking  
5 “and” at the end;

6           (B) in subparagraph (KK), by adding  
7 “and” at the end; and

8           (C) by adding at the end the following new  
9 subparagraph:

10           “(LL) food and nutrition services meeting  
11 such requirements as the Secretary shall speci-  
12 fy;”.

13           (2) PAYMENT.—Section 1833(a)(1) of the So-  
14 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(1)) is amend-  
15 ed—

16           (A) by striking “and” before “(HH)”; and

17           (B) by inserting before the semicolon at  
18 the end the following: “, and (II) with respect  
19 to specified food and nutrition services under  
20 section 1861(s)(2)(LL), the amounts paid shall  
21 be equal to 80 percent of the actual charge for  
22 the services”.

23           (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
24 by this subsection shall apply to items and services

1 furnished on or after the date that is 180 days after  
2 the date of the enactment of this section.

3 (b) COVERAGE UNDER MEDICAID.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a) of the So-  
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amend-  
6 ed—

7 (A) in paragraph (31), by striking “and”  
8 at the end;

9 (B) by redesignating paragraph (32) as  
10 paragraph (33); and

11 (C) by inserting after paragraph (31) the  
12 following new paragraph:

13 “(32) food and nutrition services meeting such  
14 requirements as the Secretary shall specify; and”.

15 (2) MANDATORY BENEFIT.—Section  
16 1902(a)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)) is amended, in the matter  
18 preceding clause (i), by striking “and (30)” and in-  
19 serting “(30), and (32)”.

20 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
21 by this subsection shall apply to items and services  
22 furnished on or after the date that is 180 days after  
23 the date of the enactment of this section.

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