

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8658

To amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to modify the notification requirement for emergency contract health services for certain beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2026

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 “Indian Health Service
5 Emergency Claims Parity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACT**
2 **HEALTH SERVICES.**

3 Section 406 of the Indian Health Care Improvement
4 Act (25 U.S.C. 1646) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “With respect to” and inserting
6 the following:

7 “(b) ELDERLY OR DISABLED INDIANS.—With re-
8 spect to”; and

9 (2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so
10 designated) the following:

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection
12 (b), with respect to an Indian receiving emergency medical
13 care or services from a non-Service provider or in a non-
14 Service facility under the authority of this Act, the time
15 limitation (as a condition of payment) for notifying the
16 Service of such treatment or admission shall not be less
17 than 15 days.”.

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