

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 8726

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to allow States to enforce Medicare Advantage plan requirements.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 11, 2026

Mr. DOWNING (for himself and Mr. DOGGETT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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 “Protecting Authority
5 and Restoring Tools Necessary for Enforcement by Regu-
6 latory States Act of 2026” or the “PARTNERS Act of
7 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ALLOWING STATES TO ENFORCE MEDICARE ADVAN-**
2 **TAGE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.**

3 Section 1856(b)(3) of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1395w-26(b)(3)) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “The standards” and inserting
6 the following:

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-
8 graph (B), the standards”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
10 paragraphs:

11 “(B) STATE ENFORCEMENT.—Each State
12 may require that MA organizations that issue,
13 sell, renew, or offer MA plans in the State meet
14 the requirements of this part with respect to
15 such MA plans.

16 “(C) COORDINATION OF ENFORCEMENT.—
17 The Secretary shall coordinate enforcement of
18 the standards established under this part with
19 the State in which an MA organization is li-
20 censed and any State in which the MA organi-
21 zation issues, sells, renews, or offers MA plans.
22 The Secretary may enter into a collaborative
23 enforcement agreement with any State to fur-
24 ther coordinate enforcement.”.