

119TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 8857

To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to adjust which engineered cyclic peptides are qualifying single source drugs for purposes of the Drug Price Negotiation Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 15, 2026

Mr. MORELLE (for himself, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. PFLUGER, and Mr. KEAN) 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 “Next Generation Medi-
5 cines Act of 2026” or the “Next GEN Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADJUSTING RULES FOR ENGINEERED CYCLIC**
2 **PEPTIDES UNDER DRUG PRICE NEGOTIATION**
3 **PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1192(e) of the Social Se-
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1320f–1(e)) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(A)(ii), by inserting “(or,
7 in the case of an engineered cyclic peptide (as de-
8 fined in paragraph (5)), 11 years)” after “7 years”;
9 and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new
11 paragraph:

12 “(5) ENGINEERED CYCLIC PEPTIDE DE-
13 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘engineered cy-
14 clic peptide’ means a polymer that—

15 “(A) is composed principally of amino
16 acids;

17 “(B) contains not less than 1 cyclic struc-
18 ture produced through head-to-tail cyclization,
19 head-to-side-chain cyclization, side-chain-to-tail
20 cyclization, or side-chain-to-side-chain cycliza-
21 tion;

22 “(C) contains not more than 40 amino
23 acids;

24 “(D) was identified for development using
25 a genetically encoded library screening method;

26 “(E) is not naturally derived; and

1 “(F) is orally administered, inhaled, or
2 otherwise self-administered.”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply with respect to lists published
5 under section 1192(a) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1320f–1(a)) on or after the date of the enactment
7 of this section.

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