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116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate the 190-day lifetime limit on inpatient psychiatric hospital services under the Medicare Program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TONKO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Medicare Mental
5 Health Inpatient Equity Act of 2019”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF 190-DAY LIFETIME LIMIT ON INPA-**
2 **TIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL SERVICES.**

3 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1812 of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395d) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) in paragraph (1), by adding “or” at
7 the end;

8 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “; or” at
9 the end and inserting a period; and

10 (C) by striking paragraph (3); and

11 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “(but shall not
12 be included” and all that follows before the period
13 at the end.

14 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply to items and services furnished
16 on or after January 1, 2020.