115TH 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 2017”.
SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF 190-DAY LIFETIME LIMIT ON INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL SERVICES.

(a) In General.—Section 1812 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395d) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)—

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

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

(C) by striking paragraph (3); and

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

(b) Effective Date.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall apply to items and services furnished on or after January 1, 2018.