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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”.

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, 2018.