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119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure Medicaid coverage of mental health services or substance use disorder services and primary care services furnished on the same day.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DUNN of Florida 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 “Improving Coordina-
5 tion and Access to Resources Equitably Act” or the “Im-
6 proving CARE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERV-**
2 **ICES OR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERV-**
3 **ICES AND PRIMARY CARE SERVICES FUR-**
4 **NISHED ON THE SAME DAY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (89), by striking “; and” and
8 inserting a semicolon;

9 (2) in paragraph (90)(C), by striking the period
10 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (90) the fol-
12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(91) not prohibit payment under the plan for
14 a mental health service, substance use disorder serv-
15 ice, or primary care service furnished to an indi-
16 vidual for which payment would otherwise be avail-
17 able under the plan if such service were not a same-
18 day qualifying service (as defined in subsection
19 (zz)).”.

20 (b) SAME-DAY QUALIFYING SERVICES DEFINED.—
21 Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a)
22 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
23 section:

24 “(zz) SAME-DAY QUALIFYING SERVICES DEFINED.—
25 For purposes of subsection (a)(91), the term ‘same-day
26 qualifying service’ means—

1 “(1) a primary care service furnished to an in-
2 dividual (including via telehealth) by a physician or
3 practitioner employed by or working under contract
4 with a physician’s office, Federally qualified health
5 center, rural health clinic, or other outpatient facil-
6 ity on the same day a mental health service or sub-
7 stance use disorder service is furnished to such indi-
8 vidual (including via telehealth) by such physician or
9 practitioner (or another physician or practitioner)
10 employed by or working under contract with the
11 same office, center, clinic, or facility; and

12 “(2) a mental health service or substance use
13 disorder service furnished to an individual (including
14 via telehealth) by a physician or practitioner em-
15 ployed by or working under contract with a physi-
16 cian’s office, Federally qualified health center, rural
17 health clinic, or other outpatient facility on the same
18 day a primary care service is furnished to such indi-
19 vidual (including via telehealth) by such physician or
20 practitioner (or another physician or practitioner)
21 employed by or working under contract with the
22 same office, center, clinic, or facility.”.