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117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure stability in
payments to home health agencies under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. SEWELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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stability in payments to home health agencies under the
Medicare program.

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 “Preserving Access to
5 Home Health Act of 2022”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENSURING STABILITY IN PAYMENTS TO HOME**
2 **HEALTH AGENCIES.**

3 (a) LIMITATION ON PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY
4 ADJUSTMENTS.—Section 1895(b)(3)(D) of the Social Se-
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395fff(b)(3)(D)) is amended—

6 (1) in each of clauses (ii) and (iii), by striking
7 “The Secretary shall” and inserting “Subject to
8 clause (iv), the Secretary shall”; and

9 (2) by adding at the end the following new
10 clause:

11 “(iv) SPECIAL RULES FOR DECREASES
12 IN PAYMENTS.—

13 “(I) POSTPONEMENT.—No per-
14 manent decrease to the standard pro-
15 spective payment amount (or
16 amounts) for a year under clause (ii)
17 and no temporary decrease to the pay-
18 ment amount for a unit of home
19 health services for a year under clause
20 (iii) shall be made prior to 2026.

21 “(II) SUNSET.—Subject to sub-
22 clause (I), the Secretary shall ensure
23 that all necessary permanent or tem-
24 porary decreases described in sub-
25 clause (I) are made prior to 2032.”.

1 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other
2 provision of law, the Secretary may implement the provi-
3 sions of, and the amendments made by, this section by
4 program instruction or otherwise.