

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify payment rules for manual wheelchairs under part B of the Medicare program.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

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## **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 “Choices for Increased  
5 Mobility Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHING SEPARATE HCPCS CODES FOR CER-**  
2 **TAIN MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS UNDER THE**  
3 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 Section 1834(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
5 1395m(a)) is amended by adding at the end the following  
6 new paragraph:

7 “(23) REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH SEPARATE  
8 HCPCS CODES FOR CERTAIN MANUAL WHEEL-  
9 CHAIRS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to  
11 ultralightweight manual wheelchairs payable  
12 under this subsection furnished on or after Jan-  
13 uary 1, 2025, the Secretary shall establish two  
14 or more HCPCS codes, as determined appro-  
15 priate by the Secretary, for the base of such a  
16 wheelchair depending on the construction mate-  
17 rial used in such base (with one such code that  
18 is used to identify such a base with titanium or  
19 carbon fiber materials and one code for such a  
20 base without such materials).

21 “(B) UPGRADES APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN  
22 MANUAL WHEELCHAIRS.—Notwithstanding  
23 paragraph (19), on or after January 1, 2025,  
24 an individual may purchase or rent from a sup-  
25 plier an upgraded titanium or carbon fiber  
26 manual wheelchair.

1                   “(C) PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PRO-  
2                   TECTIONS.—

3                   “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding  
4                   paragraph (19), in the case where an indi-  
5                   vidual purchases or rents from a supplier  
6                   an upgraded titanium or carbon fiber man-  
7                   ual wheelchair on or after January 1,  
8                   2025, the supplier may charge the indi-  
9                   vidual the difference between the Medicare  
10                  fee schedule amount for the non-upgraded  
11                  manual wheelchair and the fair market  
12                  value for the upgraded manual wheelchair.

13                  “(ii) BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS.—In  
14                  order to inform an individual of their po-  
15                  tential financial liability under clause (i),  
16                  the Secretary may require a supplier to  
17                  issue an advance beneficiary notice under  
18                  section 1879 to the individual prior to the  
19                  purchase or rent of an upgraded titanium  
20                  or carbon fiber manual wheelchair by the  
21                  individual.”.