

119<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8658

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 4, 2026

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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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 “Indian Health Service  
5 Emergency Claims Parity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY CONTRACT**  
2 **HEALTH SERVICES.**

3 Section 406 of the Indian Health Care Improvement  
4 Act (25 U.S.C. 1646) is amended—

5 (1) by striking “With respect to” and inserting  
6 the following:

7 “(b) ELDERLY OR DISABLED INDIANS.—With re-  
8 spect to”; and

9 (2) by inserting before subsection (b) (as so  
10 designated) the following:

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection  
12 (b), with respect to an Indian receiving emergency medical  
13 care or services from a non-Service provider or in a non-  
14 Service facility under the authority of this Act, the time  
15 limitation (as a condition of payment) for notifying the  
16 Service of such treatment or admission shall not be less  
17 than 15 days.”.

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