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H. R. 5554

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for certain fall prevention items under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Mr. MAGAZINER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget, 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

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 “Stand Strong for Medi-
5 care Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN FALL PRE-**
2 **VENTION ITEMS UNDER THE MEDICARE PRO-**
3 **GRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—

5 (1) COVERAGE.—Section 1861 of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

7 (A) in subsection (n)—

8 (i) by striking “and wheelchairs” and
9 inserting “wheelchairs”; and

10 (ii) by inserting “, and fall prevention
11 items (as defined in subsection (nnn))”
12 after “may prescribe”; and

13 (B) by adding at the end the following new
14 subsection:

15 “(nnn) FALL PREVENTION ITEMS.—The term ‘fall
16 prevention items’ includes grab bars, non-slip mats, show-
17 er chairs, bed rails, and such other items or categories
18 of items as the Secretary may specify.”.

19 (2) EXCLUSION MODIFICATION.—Section
20 1862(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
21 1395y(a)(1)) is amended—

22 (A) in subparagraph (O), by striking
23 “and” at the end;

24 (B) in subparagraph (P), by striking the
25 semicolon and inserting “, and”; and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new
2 subparagraph:

3 “(Q) in the case of fall prevention items
4 (as defined in section 1861(nnn)), which are
5 not furnished pursuant to an order of a physi-
6 cian or practitioner (as described in section
7 1842(b)(18)(C));”.

8 (b) EXEMPTION FROM SEQUESTRATION.—Notwith-
9 standing any other provision of law, payments for fall pre-
10 vention items (as defined in section 1861(nnn) of the So-
11 cial Security Act, as added by subsection (a)) under the
12 Medicare program shall not be subject to any reduction
13 under a sequestration issued under the Balanced Budget
14 and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Statutory
15 Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, or any other provision law.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 subsection (a) shall apply beginning 60 days after the date
18 of the enactment of this Act.

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