

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6974

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to permit additional accrediting organizations to approve specialized MA plans for special needs individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2026

Mr. ARRINGTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, 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

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 MA SNP
5 Act of 2026”.

1 **SEC. 2. ACCREDITATION OF SPECIALIZED MA PLANS FOR**
2 **SPECIAL NEEDS INDIVIDUALS.**

3 Section 1859(f)(7) of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1395w-28(f)(7)) is amended—

5 (1) in the heading, by striking “NCQA AP-
6 PROVED” and inserting “APPROVED BY AN ACCRED-
7 ITING ORGANIZATION”;

8 (2) by inserting “, based on standards estab-
9 lished by the Secretary,” after “approved”; and

10 (3) by striking “(based on standards estab-
11 lished by the Secretary)” and inserting “or, for 2026
12 and subsequent years, by any other private accred-
13 iting organization with an application approved
14 under section 1852(e)(4)(C) determined appropriate
15 by the Secretary”.

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