

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 8816  
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF MISSOURI**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “American Medical In-  
3 novation and Investment Act of 2024”.

4 **SEC. 2. COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT DETECTION BENEFIT IN**  
5               **THE MEDICARE ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT**  
6               **AND INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAM-**  
7               **INATION.**

8       (a) ANNUAL WELLNESS VISIT.—

9               (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(hhh)(2) of the  
10       Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(hhh)(2)) is  
11       amended by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting  
12       the following:

13               “(D) Detection of any cognitive impair-  
14       ment that shall—

15               “(i) be performed using one of the  
16       cognitive impairment detection tools identi-  
17       fied by the National Institute on Aging as  
18       meeting its criteria for selecting instru-

1           ments to detect cognitive impairment in  
2           the primary care setting; and

3                   “(ii) include documentation of the tool  
4           used for detecting cognitive impairment  
5           and results of the assessment in the pa-  
6           tient’s medical record.”.

7           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
8           by paragraph (1) shall apply to annual wellness vis-  
9           its furnished on or after January 1, 2025.

10          (b) INITIAL PREVENTIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINA-  
11          TION.—

12                  (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(ww)(1) of the  
13          Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(ww)(1)) is  
14          amended by striking “agreement with the individual,  
15          and” and inserting “agreement with the individual,  
16          detection of any cognitive impairment as described  
17          in subsection (hhh)(2)(D), and”.

18                  (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made  
19          by paragraph (1) shall apply to initial preventive  
20          physical examinations furnished on or after January  
21          1, 2025.

1 **SEC. 3. IMPROVING THE NATIONAL AND LOCAL COVERAGE**  
2 **DETERMINATION PROCESSES UNDER THE**  
3 **MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1862(l) of the Social Se-  
5 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(l)) is amended by adding at  
6 the end the following new paragraph:

7 “(7) LIMITATION ON DURATION OF COVERAGE  
8 WITH EVIDENCE DEVELOPMENT DETERMINA-  
9 TIONS.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
11 graph (B), in the case of a final decision under  
12 paragraph (3)(C)(i) (including any such deci-  
13 sion made on a class-wide basis) made on or  
14 after the date of the enactment of this para-  
15 graph that results in coverage of an item or  
16 service pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(E), the  
17 Secretary shall, not later than 10 years after  
18 the date on which such coverage becomes effec-  
19 tive pursuant to such subsection, initiate a re-  
20 consideration with respect to such item or serv-  
21 ice.

22 “(B) EXCEPTION.—The Secretary may  
23 delay a reconsideration described in subpara-  
24 graph (A) with respect to an item or service for  
25 a period of time determined appropriate by the  
26 Secretary if the Secretary finds that such delay

1 is reasonable and necessary to carry out the  
2 purposes described in section 1142.

3 “(C) POSTING OF INFORMATION.—Not  
4 later than 1 year after the date of the enact-  
5 ment of this paragraph, and annually there-  
6 after, the Secretary shall post on the public  
7 website of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid  
8 Services the following information:

9 “(i) The number of items and services  
10 covered under this title pursuant to sub-  
11 section (a)(1)(E).

12 “(ii) A description of each such item  
13 or service.

14 “(iii) The year in which coverage of  
15 each such item or service became effective  
16 pursuant to such subsection.”.

17 (b) PROVISION OF EXPLANATION IN CASE OF CER-  
18 TAIN INCOMPLETE REQUESTS.—Section 1862(l) of the  
19 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395y(l)), as amended by  
20 subsection (a), is further amended by adding at the end  
21 the following new paragraph:

22 “(8) REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE EXPLANATION  
23 IN CASE OF CERTAIN INCOMPLETE REQUESTS.—  
24 With respect to each document received by the Sec-  
25 retary on or after the date that is 1 year after the

1 date of the enactment of this paragraph that identi-  
2 fies itself as a complete, formal request for a na-  
3 tional coverage determination (as described in the  
4 notice entitled ‘Medicare Program; Revised Process  
5 for Making National Coverage Determinations’ (78  
6 Fed. Reg. 48164) or a successor regulation), the  
7 Secretary shall, not later than 90 days after receipt  
8 of such document—

9 “(A) determine whether such document is  
10 a complete, formal request for a national cov-  
11 erage determination; and

12 “(B) in the case that the Secretary finds  
13 that such document is not a complete, formal  
14 request for a national coverage determination  
15 but that such document contains such minimum  
16 information as specified by the Secretary, trans-  
17 mit to the entity submitting such document in-  
18 formation on such finding that includes a speci-  
19 fication of additional information needed to  
20 make such document a complete, formal request  
21 for a national coverage determination.”.

22 (c) IMPROVING ACCESS TO ITEMS AND SERVICES  
23 UNDER LOCAL COVERAGE DETERMINATIONS.—Section  
24 1862(l)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1395y(1)(5)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
2 lowing new subparagraph:

3           “(E) ENSURING CONSISTENCY WITH AP-  
4           PLICABLE RULES.—The Secretary shall require  
5           each Medicare administrative contractor that  
6           develops a local coverage determination to en-  
7           sure that any such local coverage determination  
8           does not conflict with any law, ruling, regula-  
9           tion, national coverage determination, payment  
10          policy, or coding policy.”.

11          (d) FUNDING.—In addition to amounts otherwise  
12 available, there are appropriated to the Centers for Medi-  
13 care & Medicaid Services Program Management Account,  
14 out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appro-  
15 priated, \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through  
16 2030, to remain available until expended, to carry out the  
17 amendments made by this section.

18 **SEC. 4. MEDICARE COVERAGE OF EXTERNAL INFUSION**  
19           **PUMPS AND NON-SELF-ADMINISTRABLE**  
20           **HOME INFUSION DRUGS.**

21          (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(n) of the Social Se-  
22 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(n)) is amended by adding  
23 at the end the following new sentence: “Beginning with  
24 the first calendar quarter beginning on or after the date  
25 that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this sen-

1 tence, an external infusion pump and associated home in-  
2 fusion drug (as defined in subsection (iii)(3)(C)) or other  
3 associated supplies that do not meet the appropriate for  
4 use in the home requirement applied to the definition of  
5 durable medical equipment under section 414.202 of title  
6 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor to such  
7 regulation) shall be treated as meeting such requirement  
8 if each of the following criteria is satisfied:

9           “(1) The prescribing information approved by  
10           the Food and Drug Administration for the home in-  
11           fusion drug associated with the pump instructs that  
12           the drug should be administered by or under the su-  
13           pervision of a health care professional.

14           “(2) A qualified home infusion therapy supplier  
15           (as defined in subsection (iii)(3)(D)) administers or  
16           supervises the administration of the drug or biologi-  
17           cal in a safe and effective manner in the patient’s  
18           home (as defined in subsection (iii)(3)(B)).

19           “(3) The prescribing information described in  
20           paragraph (1) instructs that the drug should be in-  
21           fused at least 12 times per year—

22                   “(A) intravenously or subcutaneously; or

23                   “(B) at infusion rates that the Secretary  
24           determines would require the use of an external  
25           infusion pump.”.

1 (b) COST SHARING NOTIFICATION.—The Secretary  
2 of Health and Human Services shall ensure that patients  
3 are notified of the cost sharing for electing home infusion  
4 therapy compared to other applicable settings of care for  
5 the furnishing of infusion drugs under the Medicare pro-  
6 gram.

7 **SEC. 5. GUIDANCE ON MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN**  
8 **ITEMS INVOLVING ARTIFICIAL INTEL-**  
9 **LIGENCE.**

10 Not later than January 1, 2026, the Secretary of  
11 Health and Human Services shall use existing communica-  
12 tions mechanisms to issue guidance on requirements for  
13 payment under part B of title XVIII of the Social Security  
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.) for remote monitoring de-  
15 vices, such as continuous glucose monitors, that—

16 (1) use an artificial intelligence component  
17 (such as a continuous adjustment component); and

18 (2) transmit information to a health care pro-  
19 vider for purposes of management and treatment of  
20 an individual.

21 **SEC. 6. CLARIFYING PAYMENT FOR PRESCRIPTION DIG-**  
22 **ITAL THERAPEUTICS UNDER MEDICARE.**

23 (a) GUIDANCE TO PHYSICIANS.—Not later than Jan-  
24 uary 1, 2026, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
25 ices (in this section referred to as the “Secretary”) shall



1 use existing communication mechanisms to issue guidance  
2 on requirements for payment under part B of title XVIII  
3 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.) for  
4 a prescription digital therapeutic furnished by a physician  
5 or incident to a physician's professional service.

6 (b) GUIDANCE TO MA ORGANIZATIONS.—Not later  
7 than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act,  
8 the Secretary shall issue to MA organizations guidance to  
9 clarify the requirements relating to when such organiza-  
10 tions may provide a prescription digital therapeutic as a  
11 supplemental benefit to an individual enrolled under a MA  
12 plan.

13 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than January  
14 1, 2026, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on  
15 Ways and Means and the Committee on Energy and Com-  
16 merce of the House of Representatives, and the Finance  
17 Committee of the Senate, a report that includes—

18 (1) an analysis of any existing statutory author-  
19 ity for the Secretary to provide payment for pre-  
20 scription digital therapeutics under the Medicare  
21 program; and

22 (2) a description of any additional statutory au-  
23 thority that is needed by the Secretary to expand  
24 such coverage.

25 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) MA TERMS.—The terms “MA plan”, “MA  
2           organization”, and “supplemental benefit” have the  
3           meanings given each such term in part C of title  
4           XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–  
5           21 et seq.).

6           (2) MEDICARE PROGRAM.—The term “Medicare  
7           program” means the Medicare program under title  
8           XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et  
9           seq.).

10          (3) PHYSICIAN.—The term “physician” has the  
11          meaning given such term in section 1861(r) of the  
12          Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(r)).

13          (4) PRESCRIPTION DIGITAL THERAPEUTIC.—  
14          The term “prescription digital therapeutic” means  
15          an evidence-based software product, including any  
16          such product that is a combination product de-  
17          scribed in section 503(g) of the Federal Food, Drug,  
18          and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(g)), intended for  
19          use in the management, prevention, or treatment of  
20          a disease or condition, that acts directly as a medical  
21          intervention or guides the delivery of a medical  
22          intervention and that—

23                        (A) is regulated by the Food and Drug Ad-  
24                        ministration as a device (as defined in section  
25                        201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic

1 Act (21 U.S.C. 321)), including any such device  
2 regulated as a combination product (as de-  
3 scribed in section 503(g) of such Act (21  
4 U.S.C. 353(g));

5 (B) is cleared under section 510(k), classi-  
6 fied under section 513(f)(2), or approved under  
7 section 515 of such Act (21 U.S.C. 360(k),  
8 360c(f)(2), 360e); and

9 (C) may not be furnished to an individual  
10 without a prescription from a physician.

11 **SEC. 7. MEDICALLY TAILORED HOME-DELIVERED MEALS**  
12 **DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

13 Part E of title XVIII of the Social Security Act is  
14 amended by inserting after section 1866F (42 U.S.C.  
15 1395cc-6) the following new section:

16 **“SEC. 1866G. MEDICALLY TAILORED HOME-DELIVERED**  
17 **MEALS DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM.**

18 “(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—For the 4-year period begin-  
19 ning not later than 30 months after the date of the enact-  
20 ment of this section, subject to subsection (f), the Sec-  
21 retary shall conduct, in accordance with the provisions of  
22 this section, a Medically Tailored Home-Delivered Meals  
23 Demonstration Program (in this section referred to as the  
24 ‘Program’) to test a payment and service delivery model  
25 under which selected hospitals provide medically tailored

1 home-delivered meals under part A of this title to qualified  
2 individuals, with respect to such hospitals, to improve clin-  
3 ical health outcomes and reduce the rate of readmissions  
4 of such individuals.

5 “(b) SELECTION OF HOSPITALS TO PARTICIPATE IN  
6 PROGRAM.—

7 “(1) SELECTED HOSPITALS.—Under the Pro-  
8 gram, the Secretary shall, not later than January 1,  
9 2025, select to participate in the Program at least,  
10 subject to subsection (f), 40 eligible hospitals that  
11 the Secretary determines have the capacity to satisfy  
12 the requirements described in subsection (c). In this  
13 section, each such eligible hospital so selected shall  
14 be referred to as a ‘selected hospital’.

15 “(2) ELIGIBLE HOSPITALS.—For purposes of  
16 this section, the term ‘eligible hospital’ means a sub-  
17 section (d) hospital (as defined in section  
18 1886(d)(1)(B)) or a critical access hospital that—

19 “(A) submits to the Secretary an applica-  
20 tion, at such time and in such form and manner  
21 as specified by the Secretary, that contains—

22 “(i) an attestation (in such form and  
23 manner as specified by the Secretary) that  
24 such hospital has the ability, or is under  
25 an arrangement with a provider of services

1 or supplier or other entity that has the  
2 ability, to comply with the requirements  
3 described in subsection (c); and

4 “(ii) such other information as the  
5 Secretary may require;

6 “(B) in the case of a subsection (d) hos-  
7 pital, has, for the 2 most recent fiscal years  
8 ending prior to the date of selection by the Sec-  
9 retary under paragraph (1), averaged at least 3  
10 stars for the overall hospital quality star rating  
11 on the Internet website of the Centers for Medi-  
12 care & Medicaid Services (including Care Com-  
13 pare or a successor website); and

14 “(C) is not, as of the date of selection by  
15 the Secretary under paragraph (1), subject to—

16 “(i) the requirement to return any  
17 overpayment pursuant to section 1128J(d);  
18 or

19 “(ii) any activity described in section  
20 1893(b) (relating to Medicare integrity  
21 program actions).

22 “(c) MINIMUM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—Under  
23 the Program, a selected hospital shall comply with each  
24 of the following requirements:

1           “(1) STAFFING.—The selected hospital shall  
2 provide (including through an arrangement de-  
3 scribed in subsection (b)(2)(A)(i)), for the duration  
4 of the participation of the hospital under the Pro-  
5 gram, a physician, registered dietitian or nutrition  
6 professional, or clinical social worker to carry out  
7 the screening and re-screening pursuant to para-  
8 graph (2), medical nutrition therapy pursuant to  
9 paragraph (3)(B).

10           “(2) SCREENING AND RE-SCREENING.—The se-  
11 lected hospital (including through an arrangement  
12 described in subsection (b)(2)(A)(i)) shall—

13           “(A) as part of the discharge planning  
14 process described in section 1861(ee), screen in-  
15 dividuals that are inpatients of such selected  
16 hospital with validated screening tools (as devel-  
17 oped by the Secretary) to determine whether  
18 such individuals are qualified individuals; and

19           “(B) in the case of an individual deter-  
20 mined pursuant to subparagraph (A) or this  
21 subparagraph to be a qualified individual, re-  
22 screen such individual with validated screening  
23 tools (as determined by the Secretary) every 12  
24 weeks after such determination occurring dur-  
25 ing the participation of the hospital under the

1           Program to determine whether such individual  
2           continues to be a qualified individual.

3           “(3) PROVIDING MEDICALLY TAILORED HOME-  
4           DELIVERED MEALS AND MEDICAL NUTRITION THER-  
5           APY.—In the case of an individual that is deter-  
6           mined by the selected hospital pursuant to para-  
7           graph (2) to be a qualified individual, the selected  
8           hospital (including through an arrangement de-  
9           scribed in subsection (b)(2)(A)(i)) shall with respect  
10          to the period during which such hospital is partici-  
11          pating in the Program—

12                 “(A) provide, for each day during a period  
13                 of at least 12 weeks, for the preparation and  
14                 delivery to such individual of at least 2 medi-  
15                 cally tailored home-delivered meals (or a  
16                 portioned equivalent) that meet at least two-  
17                 thirds of the daily nutritional needs of the  
18                 qualified individual; and

19                 “(B) provide to such qualified individual,  
20                 in connection with delivering such meals and  
21                 for a period of at least 12 weeks and not more  
22                 than 1 year, medical nutrition therapy.

23           “(4) DATA SUBMISSION.—The selected hospital  
24           shall submit to the Secretary data, in such form,  
25           manner, and frequency as designated by the Sec-

1       retary, so that the Secretary may determine the af-  
2       fect of the Program with respect to the factors de-  
3       scribed in subsection (e)(2) **[(B)]**.

4               “(5) **ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.**—The se-  
5       lected hospital shall satisfy such additional require-  
6       ments as may be specified by the Secretary.

7       “(d) **PAYMENT; COST-SHARING.**—

8               “(1) **PAYMENT.**—The Secretary shall determine  
9       the form, manner, and amount of payment to be  
10      provided to a selected hospital under the Program.

11              “(2) **COST-SHARING.**—Items and services for  
12      which payment may be made under the Program  
13      shall be provided without application of deductibles,  
14      copayments, coinsurance, or other cost-sharing  
15      under this title.

16      “(e) **EVALUATIONS.**—

17              “(1) **MONITORING AND ASSESSING CLINICAL**  
18      **HEALTH OUTCOMES.**—The Secretary shall monitor  
19      and assess the clinical health outcomes of each indi-  
20      vidual who is determined by a selected hospital pur-  
21      suant to subsection (c)(2) to be a qualified indi-  
22      vidual for a period of at least 12 weeks and not  
23      more than 1 year after the date on which such indi-  
24      vidual is so determined under subparagraph (A) of  
25      such subsection.



1           “(2) INTERMEDIATE AND FINAL EVALUA-  
2           TIONS.—The Secretary shall conduct an inter-  
3           mediate and final evaluation of the Program. Each  
4           such evaluation shall—

5                   “(A) based on the monitoring and assess-  
6                   ments conducted under paragraph (1), with re-  
7                   spect to individuals determined to be qualified  
8                   individuals and the periods for which such as-  
9                   sessments are so conducted, determine—

10                           “(i) the number of inpatient admis-  
11                           sions of such individuals;

12                           “(ii) the number of admissions to  
13                           skilled nursing facilities of such individ-  
14                           uals; and

15                           “(iii) the total expenditures under  
16                           part A with respect to such individuals;

17                   “(B) determine the extent to which the  
18           Program has—

19                           “(i) improved clinical health outcomes,  
20                           as defined by the Secretary;

21                           “(ii) reduced the cost of care under  
22                           part A (including costs associated with re-  
23                           admission as defined in section  
24                           1866(q)(5)(E)); and

1                   “(iii) increased patient satisfaction, as  
2                   defined by the Secretary;

3                   “(C) specify the form, manner, and  
4                   amounts of payments made under the Program  
5                   pursuant to subsection (d)(1) and the effective-  
6                   ness of such payment form, manner, and  
7                   amounts;

8                   “(D) examine the feasibility and impact of  
9                   implementing cost sharing requirements for  
10                  items and services furnished under the Pro-  
11                  gram;

12                  “(E) an analysis of health outcomes of in-  
13                  dividuals receiving items and services under the  
14                  Program compared to health outcomes of indi-  
15                  viduals receiving items and services under a  
16                  similar program offered by a Medicare Advan-  
17                  tage plan; and

18                  “(F) the number of individuals who have  
19                  received benefits under the Program while re-  
20                  ceiving benefits under any other similar pro-  
21                  gram operated by the Federal Government or a  
22                  State.

23                  “(3) REPORTS.—The Secretary shall submit to  
24                  Congress—

1           “(A) not later than 3 years after the date  
2           of implementation of the Program, a report  
3           with respect to the intermediate evaluation  
4           under paragraph (2); and

5           “(B) not later than 6 years after such date  
6           of implementation, a report with respect to the  
7           final evaluation under such paragraph.

8           “(f) COORDINATION.—The Secretary shall coordinate  
9           with other Federal and State agencies to ensure that the  
10          benefits provided to an individual under the Program do  
11          not duplicate any benefits being provided to such indi-  
12          vidual under any other program operated by such an agen-  
13          cy.

14          “(g) FUNDING.—

15                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Payments for items and  
16                 services furnished under the Program shall be made  
17                 from the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund under sec-  
18                 tion 1817.

19                 “(2) BUDGET NEUTRALITY.—The Secretary  
20                 shall reduce payments made to subsection (d) hos-  
21                 pitals under section 1886(d) in a manner such that  
22                 the total amount of such reductions for a year are  
23                 estimated to be equal to the total amount of pay-  
24                 ments made under the Program during such year.

25          “(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           “(1) MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY.—The  
2 term ‘medical nutrition therapy’ has the meaning  
3 given such term in section 1861(vv)(1).

4           “(2) MEDICALLY TAILORED HOME-DELIVERED  
5 MEAL.—The term ‘medically tailored home-delivered  
6 meal’ means, with respect to a qualified individual,  
7 a meal that is designed by a registered dietitian or  
8 nutritional professional for the treatment plan of the  
9 qualified individual.

10           “(3) QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘quali-  
11 fied individual’ means an individual, with respect to  
12 a selected hospital, who—

13                   “(A) is entitled to benefits under part A;

14                   “(B) has a diet-impacted disease (such as  
15 kidney disease, congestive heart failure, diabe-  
16 tes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or  
17 any other disease the Secretary determines ap-  
18 propriate);

19                   “(C) at the time of discharge from such  
20 hospital—

21                           “(i) lives at home;

22                           “(ii) is not eligible for—

23                                   “(I) extended care services (as  
24 defined in section 1861(h)); or

1                                   “(II) post-hospital extended care  
2                                   services (as defined in section  
3                                   1861(i));

4                                   “(iii) has not made an election under  
5                                   section 1812(d)(1) to receive hospice care;

6                                   “(iv) is certified by a physician at the  
7                                   time of discharge to be limited with respect  
8                                   to at least 2 of the activities of daily living  
9                                   (as described in section 7702B(c)(2)(B) of  
10                                   the Internal Revenue Code of 1986); and

11                                   “(v) meets any other criteria for high-  
12                                   risk of readmission (as determined by the  
13                                   Secretary).

14                                   “(4) REGISTERED DIETITIAN OR NUTRITION  
15                                   PROFESSIONAL.—The term ‘dietitian or nutrition  
16                                   professional’ has the meaning given such term in  
17                                   section 1861(vv)(2).”.

