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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on furnishing behavioral health services via telehealth to individuals with limited English proficiency under Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. STEEL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. GUIDANCE ON FURNISHING BEHAVIORAL**
2 **HEALTH SERVICES VIA TELEHEALTH TO IN-**
3 **DIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PRO-**
4 **FICIENCY UNDER MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

5 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment
6 of this section, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
7 ices shall issue and disseminate, or update and revise as
8 applicable, guidance on the following:

9 (1) Best practices for providers to work with in-
10 terpreters to furnish behavioral health services via
11 video-based and audio-only telehealth, when video-
12 based telehealth is not an option.

13 (2) Best practices on integrating the use of
14 video platforms that enable multi-person video calls
15 into behavioral health services furnished via tele-
16 health.

17 (3) Best practices on teaching patients, espe-
18 cially those with limited English proficiency, to use
19 video-based telehealth platforms.

20 (4) Best practices for providing patient mate-
21 rials, communications, and instructions in multiple
22 languages, including text message appointment re-
23 minders and prescription information.