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Date: July 17, 2026
Date: _____

1 [Urging Congress to Pass H.R. 1667 - Acupuncture for Our Seniors Act]

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3 **Resolution urging Congress to pass (House of Representatives) H.R. 1667, the**
4 **Acupuncture for Our Seniors Act, authored by Representatives Judy Chu and Brian**
5 **Fitzpatrick, to provide coverage for acupuncturist services under the Medicare**
6 **program.**

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8 WHEREAS, In 1971, acupuncture was introduced to the American public, and more
9 than 7,000 clinical trials on acupuncture have been conducted globally: particularly as a
10 therapeutic treatment for cancer patients, auxiliary treatment of infertility, recovery treatment
11 for substance use disorder, and pain management; and

12 WHEREAS, The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Heal Initiative reported that nearly
13 20% of Americans suffer from chronic pain, demonstrating the need for pain management
14 options, especially non-pharmacological and evidence-based treatment options; and

15 WHEREAS, Acupuncture is considered a holistic approach to medicine that focuses on
16 a patient's physical, mental, spiritual and social needs, and serves as a lifeline for patients
17 who are non-responsive to conventional medicine; and

18 WHEREAS, Licensed acupuncturists are currently prohibited from being Medicare
19 providers, significantly limiting patients access to affordable treatment options and
20 practitioners; and

21 WHEREAS, In February 2025, Representatives Judy Chu and Brian Fitzpatrick
22 introduced H.R. 1667, the Acupuncture for Our Seniors Act, a bill that aims to recognize
23 licensed acupuncturists as Medicare providers and expand access to acupuncture treatments
24 for seniors; and

1 WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), as
2 of March 2026, there are 70.2 million individuals enrolled in Medicare; and

3 WHEREAS, Of these 70.2 million people, 90.6% of enrollees are over the age of 65;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, CMS estimates that 10,000 Americans will become eligible for Medicare
6 every day over the next 20 years and that Medicare enrollment will reach 81 million by 2030;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, H.R. 1667 was referred to the Health Subcommittee of the House
9 Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means, where it
10 currently sits; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of accessible
12 acupuncture services for seniors and Medicare patients; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges Congress to pass H.R.
14 1667; and, be it

15 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
16 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to forward a copy of this Resolution to Representative
17 Brett Guthrie, Chairman of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Representative
18 Morgan Griffith, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health for the House Committee on
19 Energy and Commerce, Representative Jason Smith, Chairman of the House Committee on
20 Ways and Means, and Representative Judy Chu.

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1667

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide coverage for
acupuncturist services under the Medicare program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2025

Ms. CHU (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in
addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subse-
quently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such
provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide
coverage for acupuncturist services under the Medicare
program.

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 “Acupuncture for Our
5 Seniors Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE FOR ACUPUNCTURIST SERVICES UNDER**
2 **THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861 of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (s)(2)—

6 (A) by adding “and” at the end of sub-
7 paragraph (JJ); and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following new
9 subparagraph:

10 “(KK) qualified acupuncturist services (as de-
11 fined in subsection (nnn)(1));”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(nnn) QUALIFIED ACUPUNCTURIST SERVICES.—

15 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified
16 acupuncturist services’ means such services fur-
17 nished by a qualified acupuncturist (as defined in
18 paragraph (2)), and such services and supplies fur-
19 nished as an incident to services furnished by the
20 qualified acupuncturist, as the qualified
21 acupuncturist is legally authorized to perform under
22 State law.

23 “(2) QUALIFIED ACUPUNCTURIST DEFINED.—

24 For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘qualified
25 acupuncturist’ means—

“(A) an individual who is licensed as an acupuncturist by a State or, in the case of an individual in a State that does not provide for such licensure, meets such criteria (such as certification through an appropriate nationally recognized certification authority for acupuncturists) as the Secretary may specify; or

“(B) a physician who is legally authorized to perform acupuncture as part of the practice of medicine and surgery by the State in which the physician performs such function or action.

In specifying requirements under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may use the same requirements as those established by a certification authority described in such subparagraph.”.

(b) PAYMENT RULES.—

(1) PAYMENT UNDER PHYSICIAN FEE SCHEDULE.—Section 1848(j)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(j)(3)) is amended by inserting “(2)(KK),” before “(3),”.

(2) SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF INSTITUTIONAL PROVIDERS.—Section 1833(a)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

1 (A) in clause (i), by inserting “and in the
2 case of qualified acupuncturist services,” after
3 “1999,”;

4 (B) in clause (ii), by inserting “or in the
5 case of qualified acupuncturist services,” after
6 “1999,”; and

7 (C) in clause (iii), by inserting “(other
8 than qualified acupuncturist services)” after
9 “such services”.

10 (3) QUALIFIED ACUPUNCTURIST TREATMENT
11 AS A PRACTITIONER.—Section 1842(b)(18)(C) of the
12 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395u(b)(18)(C)) is
13 amended by adding at the end the following new
14 clause:

15 “(ix) A qualified acupuncturist (as defined in
16 section 1861(nnn)(2)).”.

17 (4) SEPARATE BILLING FOR ACUPUNCTURIST
18 SERVICES FURNISHED IN AN INPATIENT HOSPITAL
19 SETTING.—Section 1861(b)(4) of the Social Security
20 Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(b)(4)) is amended by insert-
21 ing “qualified acupuncturist services,” after “quali-
22 fied psychologist services,”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 this section apply with respect to services furnished on or

- 1 after the date that is 270 days after the date of enactment
- 2 of this Act.



From: [Prager, Jackie \(BOS\)](#)
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Cc: [Chen, Chyanne \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: Re: Introduction Form 7/14
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2026 2:40:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Jocelyn,

Neither CSAC nor the League of CA Cities has taken a position.

Thank you,

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Hi Jackie,

Please provide the following to complete this submission:

- PDF copy of HR 1667
- Per Board Rule 2.8.2, please confirm that organizations such as the [California State Association of Counties](#), [League of California Cities](#), or National League of Cities have not taken a position on these bills. If they have, please provide a copy of their statement for completeness of the file.

Thanks!

Best regards,
Jocelyn Wong
Legislative Clerk
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Introduction Form

(by a Member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor)

I hereby submit the following item for introduction (select only one):

- ☐ 1. For reference to Committee (Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment)
- ☐ 2. Request for next printed agenda (For Adoption Without Committee Reference)
(Routine, non-controversial and/or commendatory matters only)
- ☐ 3. Request for Hearing on a subject matter at Committee
- ☐ 4. Request for Letter beginning with "Supervisor inquires..."
- ☐ 5. City Attorney Request
- ☐ 6. Call File No. from Committee.
- ☐ 7. Budget and Legislative Analyst Request (attached written Motion)
- ☐ 8. Substitute Legislation File No.
- ☐ 9. Reactivate File No.
- ☐ 10. Topic submitted for Mayoral Appearance before the Board on

The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following (please check all appropriate boxes):

- ☐ Small Business Commission ☐ Youth Commission ☐ Ethics Commission
- ☐ Planning Commission ☐ Building Inspection Commission ☐ Human Resources Department

General Plan Referral sent to the Planning Department (proposed legislation subject to Charter 4.105 & Admin 2A.53):

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

(Note: For Imperative Agenda items (a Resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Agenda Form.)

Sponsor(s):

Subject:

Long Title or text listed:

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: