

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-59
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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 11. PATIENT VISITATION RIGHTS.**

2 Section 1861 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1395x) is amended—

4 (1) in subsection (e)—

5 (A) in paragraph (8), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (B) by redesignating paragraph (9) as
8 paragraph (10);

9 (C) by inserting after paragraph (8) the
10 following new paragraph:

11 “(9) has written policies and procedures regard-
12 ing the visitation rights of individuals receiving
13 items and services at the institution, which shall in-
14 clude a description of any clinically necessary or rea-
15 sonable restriction or limitation that such institution
16 may need to place on such rights and the reasons
17 for the clinical restriction or limitation, and a re-
18 quirement that such institution—

1 “(A) inform each such individual of his or
2 her visitation rights, including any clinical re-
3 striction or limitation on such rights;

4 “(B) inform each such individual of the
5 right, subject to the individual’s consent, to re-
6 ceive the visitors whom the individual des-
7 ignates, including a spouse, another family
8 member, or a friend, and the individual’s right
9 to withdraw or deny such consent at any time;

10 “(C) may not restrict, limit, or otherwise
11 deny visitation privileges on the basis of race,
12 color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability;
13 and

14 “(D) ensure that all visitors enjoy full and
15 equal visitation privileges consistent with this
16 paragraph; and”;

17 (D) in the matter following paragraph
18 (10), as redesignated, by striking “paragraph
19 (9)” each place it appears and inserting “para-
20 graph (10)” in each such place; and

21 (2) in subsection (f), by striking “(9)” and in-
22 serting “(10)”.

