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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the waiting periods for disability insurance benefits and Medicare coverage for individuals with young-onset Alzheimer’s, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. KIM 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Bridging Relief in De-
5 layed Government Enrollment for Young-Onset Alz-
6 heimer’s Disease Act of 2025” or the “BRIDGE for
7 Young-Onset Alzheimer’s Disease Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF WAITING PERIOD FOR INDIVID-**
2 **UALS WITH YOUNG-ONSET ALZHEIMER'S.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(a) of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 423(a)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (1), in the matter following
6 subparagraph (E), by inserting “or young-onset Alz-
7 heimer’s (as defined by the Commissioner through
8 the Program Operations Manual System or a suc-
9 cessor document)” after “amyotrophic lateral sle-
10 rosis”; and

11 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “or (iii)”
12 after “clause (ii)”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply with respect to applications for dis-
15 ability insurance benefits filed after the date that is 5
16 months before the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 3. WAIVER OF 24-MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR MEDI-**
18 **CARE COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WITH**
19 **YOUNG-ONSET ALZHEIMERS'S.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 226(h) of the Social Secu-
21 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 426(h)) is amended by inserting “or
22 young-onset Alzheimer’s (as defined by the Commissioner
23 through the Program Operations Manual System or a suc-
24 cessor document)” after “amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
25 (ALS)”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply to benefits for months beginning
3 after the date of the enactment of this Act.