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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with flexibility with respect to providing premium assistance under the Medicaid program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BUCSHON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide States with flexibility with respect to providing premium assistance under the Medicaid 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. PROVIDING FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO**
4 **PREMIUM ASSISTANCE UNDER MEDICAID.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1906 of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396e) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (c)(2), by striking “such
8 plan.” and inserting “such group health plan.”; and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (c) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

1 “(d) STATE OPTION FOR NONELDERLY, NON-
2 DISABLED ADULTS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on January 1,
4 2018, in the case of a State electing the option de-
5 scribed in paragraph (2) of subsection (a), the Sec-
6 retary may, upon the approval of a State plan
7 amendment submitted by the State, waive the re-
8 quirement of paragraph (3) of such subsection to the
9 extent such requirement provides for payment of
10 premiums and deductibles and other cost-sharing ob-
11 ligations with respect to the items and services de-
12 scribed in such paragraph furnished to individuals
13 described in paragraph (3) of this subsection.

14 “(2) COST-EFFECTIVENESS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
16 approve a State plan amendment under this
17 subsection if the Secretary determines that the
18 payment of premiums and deductibles and other
19 cost-sharing obligations under the group health
20 plan or plans involved is cost-effective relative
21 to the amount of expenditures under the State
22 plan, including administrative expenditures, and
23 excluding payments for copayments or coinsur-
24 ance, that the State would have made to pro-

1 vide comparable coverage of the individuals de-
2 scribed in paragraph (3) involved.

3 “(B) DETERMINATION.—For purposes of
4 subparagraph (A), cost-effectiveness shall be de-
5 termined—

6 “(i) on an annual basis by com-
7 paring—

8 “(I) the amount of expenditures
9 per employer for coverage under the
10 group health plan or plans involved of
11 the individuals described in paragraph
12 (3) for the preceding 4 calendar quar-
13 ters; to

14 “(II) the average per capita
15 amount of expenditures that the State
16 made under the State plan to provide
17 comparable coverage of such individ-
18 uals for such calendar quarters; and

19 “(ii) in the case of individuals de-
20 scribed in paragraph (3) who are parents
21 of children—

22 “(I) if the parent is eligible for
23 enrollment in a group health plan,
24 based on the cost of purchasing family

1 coverage under the group health plan;
2 and

3 “(II) if the parent is not so eligi-
4 ble, based on the cost of individual
5 coverage for the parent and each
6 child.

7 “(C) CHILD DEFINED.—In this paragraph,
8 the term ‘child’ has the meaning given such
9 term in section 1902(e)(13)(G).

10 “(3) NONELDERLY, NONDISABLED ADULTS.—
11 The individuals described in this paragraph are indi-
12 viduals who are under 65 years of age, not pregnant,
13 not entitled to, or enrolled for, benefits under part
14 A of title XVIII, or enrolled for benefits under part
15 B of title XVIII, are not described in subclauses (I)
16 through (VII) of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i), and oth-
17 erwise entitled to medical assistance under this
18 title.”.

19 (b) PREMIUM ASSISTANCE SUBSIDY OPTION.—Sec-
20 tion 1906A of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396e-
21 1) is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
22 section:

23 “(f) STATE OPTION FOR NONELDERLY, NON-
24 DISABLED ADULTS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on January 1,
2 2018, in the case of a State electing to provide a
3 premium assistance subsidy as described in sub-
4 section (a), the Secretary may, upon the approval of
5 a State plan amendment submitted by the State,
6 waive the requirement of subsection (e) to the extent
7 such requirement provides for payment of premiums
8 and deductibles and other cost-sharing obligations
9 with respect to the items and services described in
10 such subsection furnished to individuals described in
11 paragraph (3).

12 “(2) COST-EFFECTIVENESS.—

13 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may
14 approve a State plan amendment under this
15 subsection if the Secretary determines that the
16 payment of premiums and deductibles and other
17 cost-sharing obligations under the qualified em-
18 ployer-sponsored coverage involved is cost-effec-
19 tive relative to the amount of expenditures
20 under the State plan, including administrative
21 expenditures, and excluding payments for co-
22 payments or coinsurance, that the State would
23 have made to provide comparable coverage of
24 the individuals described in paragraph (3)(B)
25 involved.

1 “(B) DETERMINATION.—For purposes of
2 subparagraph (A), cost-effectiveness shall be de-
3 termined—

4 “(i) on an annual basis by com-
5 paring—

6 “(I) the amount of expenditures
7 per employer for coverage under the
8 qualified employer-sponsored coverage
9 involved of the individuals described in
10 paragraph (3)(B) for the preceding 4
11 calendar quarters; to

12 “(II) the average per capita
13 amount of expenditures that the State
14 made under the State plan to provide
15 comparable coverage of such individ-
16 uals for such calendar quarters; and

17 “(ii) in the case of individuals de-
18 scribed in paragraph (3) who are parents
19 of individuals under 19 years of age—

20 “(I) if the parent is eligible for
21 enrollment in qualified employer-spon-
22 sored coverage, based on the cost of
23 purchasing family coverage under
24 such qualified employer-sponsored
25 coverage; and

1 “(II) if the parent is not so eligi-
2 ble, based on the cost of individual
3 coverage for the parent and each such
4 individual under 19 years of age.

5 “(3) NONELDERLY, NONDISABLED ADULTS.—
6 The individuals described in this paragraph are indi-
7 viduals (or the parents of individuals) who are—

8 “(A) participating in a premium assistance
9 subsidy under this section for qualified em-
10 ployer-sponsored coverage; and

11 “(B) under 65 years of age, not pregnant,
12 not entitled to, or enrolled for, benefits under
13 part A of title XVIII, or enrolled for benefits
14 under part B of title XVIII, and are not de-
15 scribed in subclauses (I) through (VII) of sec-
16 tion 1902(a)(10)(A)(i).”.

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