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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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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 “Improving Children’s
5 Doctor Access Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE REQUIREMENT UNDER SCHIP TO REPORT**
7 **ON HEDIS MEASURE RELATING TO ACCESS**
8 **TO PCPS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2108(a) of the Social Se-
10 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397hh(a)) is amended—

11 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as
12 subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, with appro-
13 priate indentation;

14 (2) by designating the sentence beginning with
15 “The State shall” as a paragraph (1) with the hear-
16 ing “(1) IN GENERAL.—” and appropriate indenta-
17 tion; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following new
19 paragraph:

20 “(2) INFORMATION ON CERTAIN HEDIS MEAS-
21 URE REQUIRED.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Each annual report of
23 a State submitted under paragraph (1)(B) for
24 a fiscal year shall include information on the
25 access HEDIS measure described in subpara-

1 graph (B) for individuals eligible for child
2 health assistance under the State child health
3 plan during the fiscal year.

4 “(B) ACCESS HEDIS MEASURE DE-
5 SCRIBED.—The access HEDIS measure de-
6 scribed in this subparagraph is the Health Plan
7 Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS)
8 measure established by the National Committee
9 for Quality Assurance that is the following (or,
10 in the case of an update to such measure, such
11 update):

12 “(i) The percentage of each of the fol-
13 lowing populations of individuals described
14 in subparagraph (A) who had a visit with
15 a primary care practitioner during the pre-
16 vious 12-month period:

17 “(I) Individuals who are at least
18 12 months of age and who have not
19 attained 25 months of age.

20 “(II) Individuals who are at least
21 25 months of age and have not at-
22 tained 7 years of age.

23 “(ii) The percentage of each of the
24 following populations of individuals de-
25 scribed in subparagraph (A) who had a

1 visit with a primary care practitioner dur-
2 ing the previous 24-month period:

3 “(I) Individuals who are at least
4 7 years of age and who have not at-
5 tained 12 years of age.

6 “(II) Individuals who are at least
7 12 years of age and who have not at-
8 tained 19 years of age.”.

9 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a)(3) shall be effective for annual reports sub-
11 mitted for fiscal year 2010 and each subsequent fiscal
12 year.

13 **SEC. 3. STATE EFFORTS UNDER SCHIP TO AVOID DIS-**
14 **PLACEMENT OF PRIVATE HEALTH COV-**
15 **ERAGE.**

16 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 2102(c) of the Social Se-
17 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397bb(c)) is amended by adding
18 at the end the following new paragraph:

19 “(3) **EFFORTS TO AVOID DISPLACEMENT OF**
20 **PRIVATE HEALTH COVERAGE.**—(A) Prioritization of
21 outreach to families with income below 200 percent
22 of the Federal poverty level.

23 “(B) Discouragement of the crowd out of pri-
24 vate health insurance coverage for families with in-

1 come at least 300 percent of the Federal poverty
2 level.”.

3 (b) ANNUAL STATE REPORTS UNDER SCHIP ON
4 EFFORTS TO AVOID DISPLACEMENT OF PRIVATE
5 HEALTH COVERAGE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2108(a) of the So-
7 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397hh(a)), as amend-
8 ed by section 2, is further amended by adding at the
9 end the following new paragraph:

10 “(3) INFORMATION ON EFFORTS TO AVOID DIS-
11 PLACEMENT OF PRIVATE HEALTH COVERAGE.—
12 Each annual report of a State submitted under
13 paragraph (1)(B) shall include, with respect to the
14 State child health plan under this title for a fiscal
15 year, a description of the measures taken by the
16 State, and the progress of the State, to follow the
17 procedures described by the State pursuant to sub-
18 paragraphs (A) and (B) of section 2102(c)(3).”.

19 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
20 by paragraph (1) shall be effective for annual re-
21 ports submitted for fiscal year 2010 and each subse-
22 quent fiscal year.

1 **SEC. 4. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING UTILIZATION OF**
2 **CAHPS CONSUMER SATISFACTION SURVEYS.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that each State that has
4 a State child health plan under title XXI of the Social
5 Security Act should—

6 (1) utilize consumer satisfaction surveys devel-
7 oped by the Consumer Assessment of Healthcare
8 Providers and Systems (CAHPS) administered by
9 the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality,
10 specifically the Getting Needed Care and Getting
11 Care Quickly question components of the CAHPS
12 4.0H Child Survey (or in the case of an update to
13 such survey, of such update), to measure the extent
14 to which individuals eligible for child health assist-
15 ance under the State plan have access to physicians,
16 including primary care practitioners and specialists,
17 and the degree of ease with which such access is at-
18 tainable by such individuals; and

19 (2) include the results of such surveys for a fis-
20 cal year in the annual report submitted for such fis-
21 cal year by the State to the Secretary under section
22 2108(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
23 1397hh(a)).

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