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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act for purposes of prioritizing the most vulnerable Medicaid patients.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of New York (for himself, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BUCSHON, and Mr. FLORES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Prioritizing the Most
5 Vulnerable Americans Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PRIORITIZING THE MOST VULNERABLE MEDICAID**
7 **PATIENTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1115 of the Social Secu-
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new subsection:

1 “(g) In making a determination using the authority
2 under paragraph (2)(A) of subsection (a) (relating to
3 treating costs that would not otherwise be included as ex-
4 penditures under section 1903 and which are not included
5 as part of the costs of projects under section 1110 as ex-
6 penditures under the State plan or plans approved under
7 title XIX) to approve an application or renewal of any ex-
8 perimental, pilot, or demonstration project undertaken
9 under such subsection to promote the objectives of title
10 XIX (referred to in this subsection as a ‘Medicaid dem-
11 onstration project’), the Secretary shall—

12 “(1) give priority to Medicaid demonstration
13 projects that have been proven to be effective in im-
14 proving the medical care and health outcomes of in-
15 dividuals who are uninsured, individuals eligible to
16 receive medical assistance under a State plan under
17 title XIX, or individuals whose household income
18 does not exceed 150 percent of the poverty line (as
19 defined in section 2110(c)(5)) applicable to a family
20 of the size involved;

21 “(2) require that the State submitting such ap-
22 plication or renewal submit to the Secretary, and
23 make publicly available, any available data or
24 metrics regarding the health outcomes for the indi-

1 viduals to be served by such Medicaid demonstration
2 project;

3 “(3) ensure that such Medicaid demonstration
4 project is not duplicative of any Federal program or
5 funding opportunity; and

6 “(4) require that the State submitting such ap-
7 plication or renewal submit to the Secretary, and
8 make publicly available, an analysis of the degree to
9 which such Medicaid demonstration project, if at all,
10 precludes efforts undertaken by private sector and
11 charitable sector entities to improve medical care
12 and health outcomes for the individuals described in
13 paragraph (1).”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to applications or
16 renewals submitted on or after January 1, 2018.

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