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# H. R. 6462

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 7, 2016

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

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## A BILL

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

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRIORITIZING THE MOST VULNERABLE MEDICAID**  
2 **PATIENTS.**

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

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

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

1           “(2) require that the State submitting such ap-  
2           plication or renewal submit to the Secretary, and  
3           make publicly available, any available data or  
4           metrics regarding the health outcomes for the indi-  
5           viduals to be served by such Medicaid demonstration  
6           project;

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

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

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

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