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H. R. 8014

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to implement a minimum work requirement for able-bodied adults enrolled in State Medicaid programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATURNER (for himself, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. MAST, Mr. GUEST, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. ELLZEY, and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania) 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 “Jobs and Opportunities
5 for Medicaid Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR ABLE-BODIED ADULTS.**

7 Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1396a) is amended—

9 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) by striking “and” at the end of para-
2 graph (86);

3 (B) by striking the period at the end of
4 paragraph (87) and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (87) the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(88) beginning January 1, 2023, not provide
8 medical assistance with respect to a month to an
9 able-bodied adult (as defined in subsection (tt)(2))
10 that has not met the work requirement described in
11 subsection (tt)(1) for such month.”; and

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 section:

14 “(tt) WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ABLE-BODIED
15 ADULTS.—

16 “(1) WORK REQUIREMENT DESCRIBED.—For
17 purposes of subsection (a)(88), the work require-
18 ment described in this subsection with respect to an
19 able-bodied adult and a month is that such adult
20 satisfies at least one of the following with respect to
21 such month:

22 “(A) The adult works 20 hours or more
23 per week, based on a monthly average.

24 “(B) The adult volunteers for 20 hours or
25 more per week, based on a monthly average.

1 “(2) ABLE-BODIED ADULT DEFINED.—In this
2 subsection the term ‘able-bodied adult’ means any
3 individual who is not—

4 “(A) under 18 years of age or over 65
5 years of age;

6 “(B) medically certified as physically or
7 mentally unfit for employment;

8 “(C) pregnant;

9 “(D) the primary parent or caretaker of a
10 dependent child under 6 years of age;

11 “(E) the primary parent or caretaker of a
12 dependent child with a serious medical condi-
13 tion or disability, as determined by the State
14 agency established or designated to administer
15 or supervise the administration of the State
16 plan;

17 “(F) receiving unemployment compensa-
18 tion under State or Federal law and, as applica-
19 ble, complying with work requirements under
20 such State or Federal law; or

21 “(G) participating in a drug or alcohol
22 treatment and rehabilitation program (as de-
23 fined in section 3(h) of the Food and Nutrition
24 Act of 2008).”.

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