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# S. 4690

To increase vaccination rates among pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. HASSAN (for herself and Mr. CASSIDY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## 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 “Maternal Immuniza-  
5       tion Enhancement Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7       In this Act:

8               (1) CHIP.—The term “CHIP” means the chil-  
9       dren’s health insurance program established under  
10       title XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1397aa et seq.) and includes any waivers of such  
 2 program.

3 (2) MEDICAID.—The term “Medicaid” means  
 4 the medical assistance program established under  
 5 title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396  
 6 et seq.) and includes any waivers of such program.

7 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means  
 8 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

9 (4) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-  
 10 ing given that term for purposes of title XIX of the  
 11 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

12 **SEC. 3. CMS GUIDANCE ON INCREASING VACCINATION**  
 13 **RATES AMONG PREGNANT WOMEN EN-**  
 14 **ROLLED IN MEDICAID OR CHIP.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the  
 16 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the  
 17 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, in consultation  
 18 with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and  
 19 Prevention, shall issue guidance to States on increasing  
 20 the vaccination rates for Advisory Committee on Immuni-  
 21 zation Practices recommended vaccines among pregnant  
 22 women enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP.

23 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The guidance issued under  
 24 subsection (a) shall at a minimum include options and best  
 25 practices for—

1           (1) increasing the vaccination rates for Advi-  
2           sory Committee on Immunization Practices rec-  
3           ommended vaccines among pregnant women, par-  
4           ticularly with respect to the influenza, diphtheria,  
5           tetanus, and whooping cough (pertussis) vaccines;

6           (2) billing and receiving Federal payments  
7           under Medicaid and CHIP for obtaining and admin-  
8           istering such recommended vaccines to pregnant  
9           women; and

10          (3) providing counseling and patient outreach  
11          and education regarding such vaccines.

12 **SEC. 4. INCLUSION OF PRENATAL IMMUNIZATION STATUS**  
13                   **FOR PREGNANT WOMEN QUALITY MEASURE**  
14                   **IN THE CORE SETS OF HEALTH CARE QUAL-**  
15                   **ITY MEASURES FOR CHILDREN ENROLLED IN**  
16                   **MEDICAID OR CHIP AND ADULTS ENROLLED**  
17                   **IN MEDICAID.**

18          (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the  
19          date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall include  
20          a prenatal immunization status for pregnant women qual-  
21          ity measure in—

22               (1) the core set of child health quality measures  
23               for Medicaid and CHIP; and

24               (2) the adult health care quality measures for  
25               Medicaid.

1 (b) REQUIREMENT.—The prenatal immunization sta-  
2 tus for pregnant women quality measure included in such  
3 core sets of health quality measures shall measure the per-  
4 centage of deliveries in which pregnant women received  
5 vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Im-  
6 munization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control  
7 and Prevention during pregnancy.

8 **SEC. 5. GAO REPORT.**

9 Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment  
10 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States  
11 shall submit a report to Congress on the vaccination rates  
12 among pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP  
13 with respect to the Advisory Committee on Immunization  
14 Practices vaccines recommended for pregnant women. To  
15 the extent data are available, the report shall include the  
16 following:

17 (1) The percentage of pregnant women enrolled  
18 in Medicaid or CHIP who did not receive vaccines  
19 paid for by Medicaid or CHIP as recommended by  
20 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices  
21 while pregnant.

22 (2) To the extent practicable, an analysis of  
23 whether structural barriers, such as cost sharing or  
24 other specific requirements, are imposed under Med-  
25 icaid or CHIP which impact the vaccination rates

1 among pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid or  
2 CHIP with respect to the Advisory Committee on  
3 Immunization Practices vaccines recommended for  
4 pregnant women.

5 (3) To the extent practicable, an analysis of the  
6 reasons why women enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP  
7 do not receive such recommended vaccines rec-  
8 ommended while pregnant.

9 (4) To the extent practicable, demographic de-  
10 tails regarding the population of pregnant women  
11 enrolled in Medicaid or CHIP, including race, eth-  
12 nicity, and rural or urban geographic location.

13 (5) As the Comptroller General deems appro-  
14 priate, recommendations for legislative or adminis-  
15 trative actions relating to increasing the vaccination  
16 rates among pregnant women enrolled in Medicaid  
17 or CHIP with respect to the Advisory Committee on  
18 Immunization Practices vaccines recommended for  
19 pregnant women.

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