

Union Calendar No. 567

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4998

[Report No. 115-732]

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2018

Ms. BASS (for herself, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Mr. KENNEDY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

JUNE 12, 2018

Additional sponsors: Mr. WALDEN and Mr. MITCHELL

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italic]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on February 13, 2018]

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 “Health Insurance for*
5 *Former Foster Youth Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE CONTINUITY FOR FORMER FOSTER**
7 **CARE CHILDREN UP TO AGE 26.**

8 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of*
9 *the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX))*
10 *is amended—*

11 *(1) in item (bb), by striking “are not described*
12 *in or enrolled under” and inserting “are not de-*
13 *scribed in and are not enrolled under”;*

14 *(2) in item (cc), by striking “responsibility of*
15 *the State” and inserting “responsibility of a State”;*
16 *and*

17 *(3) in item (dd), by striking “the State plan*
18 *under this title or under a waiver of the” and insert-*
19 *ing “a State plan under this title or under a waiver*
20 *of such a”.*

21 *(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this*
22 *section shall take effect with respect to foster youth who at-*
23 *tain 18 years of age on or after January 1, 2023.*

1 **SEC. 3. GUIDANCE.**

2 *Not later than one year after the date of the enactment*
3 *of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services*
4 *shall issue guidance to States, with respect to the State Med-*
5 *icaid programs of such States—*

6 *(1) on best practices for—*

7 *(A) removing barriers and ensuring stream-*
8 *lined, timely access to Medicaid coverage for*
9 *former foster youth up to age 26;*

10 *(B) tracking the Medicaid coverage status*
11 *and verifying Medicaid eligibility for such*
12 *youth; and*

13 *(C) conducting outreach and raising aware-*
14 *ness among such youth regarding Medicaid cov-*
15 *erage options for such youth; and*

16 *(2) which shall include examples of States that*
17 *have successfully extended Medicaid coverage to*
18 *former foster youth up to age 26.*

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