

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 5998

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on authorities available to States under the State Medicaid programs under title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend waivers granted during the COVID–19 emergency period beyond such period.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2021

Mr. GRIFFITH (for himself, Ms. DEGETTE, and Mr. GUTHRIE) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. HHS GUIDANCE TO STATES ON AUTHORITIES**
2 **TO EXTEND MEDICAID COVID-19 EMERGENCY**
3 **WAIVERS BEYOND THE COVID-19 EMER-**
4 **GENCY PERIOD.**

5 Not later than March 31, 2022, the Secretary of
6 Health and Human Services shall issue guidance to the
7 States that—

8 (1) describes emergency waiver authorities pur-
9 suant to section 1135 of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1320b–5), or any other emergency waiver or
11 flexibility, used by States under the State Medicaid
12 programs under title XIX of such Act during the
13 emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B)
14 of such Act; and

15 (2) describes the extent to which and how such
16 authorities and flexibilities may be extended or oth-
17 erwise adopted at the option of a State after such
18 emergency period through a State plan amendment,
19 or other waiver authority, under title XIX of the So-
20 cial Security Act.

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