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H. R. 3969

To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to include activities to address social determinants of health in the calculation of medical loss ratios.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 17, 2021

Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Mr. CÁRDENAS) 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. INCLUDING ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS SOCIAL**
4 **DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN THE CAL-**
5 **CULATION OF MEDICAL LOSS RATIOS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2718 of the Public Health
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–18) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

1 (A) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as
4 paragraph (4); and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (2) the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(3) for activities that address social deter-
8 minants of health; and”;

9 (2) in subsection (b)(1)(A), in the matter pre-
10 ceding clause (i), by striking “paragraphs (1) and
11 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (1) through (3)”;
12 and

13 (3) in subsection (c)—

14 (A) by inserting “and, with respect to the
15 activities reported under subsection (a)(3), not
16 later December 31, 2023,” after “December 31,
17 2010,”; and

18 (B) by striking “subsection (a)(2)” and in-
19 serting “paragraph (2) or (3) of such sub-
20 section”.

21 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
22 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (a) shall apply with
23 respect to plan years beginning on or after January 1,
24 2024.

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