H.R.30

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide the same level of Federal matching assistance to every State that chooses to expand Medicaid access to low income individuals, regardless of when such expansion takes place, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2021

Mr. MILLER (for himself, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. POKLONSKAYA, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. TOBY, Mr. LOULOU, Mr. DIAZ, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. WOLF, Mr. O'CONNOR, Mr. HARRIS, Ms. DUNBAR, Mr. JAMES of Lincoln) introduced the following bill:

A BILL

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide the same level of Federal matching assistance to every State that chooses to expand Medicaid access to low income individuals, regardless of when such expansion takes place, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Medicaid Expansion Act of 2021".

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

- (a) Under section 2001 of the <u>Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act</u>, States can expand Medicaid to individuals 133% (138% due to the calculation method) and receive Federal medical assistance percentages to assist with the expansion.
- (b) The authors of PPACA originally thought that all States would expand Medicaid by 2014. So under the current system, States that expanded Medicaid would get 100% FMAP in 2014, 2015, and 2016, and then it would gradually decrease to 90% by 2020.

SEC. 3. INCREASED FMAP FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO NEWLY ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended—
 - (1) in subsection (y)(1)—
 - (A) by inserting "and such State requests Federal medical assistance from the Secretary of Health and Human Services," after "subclause (VIII) of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i),";
 - (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking "2014, 2015, and 2016", and inserting "each of the first 3 consecutive 12-month periods in which the State provides medical assistance to newly eligible individuals";
 - (C) in subparagraph (B), by striking "2017" and inserting "the fourth consecutive 12-month period in which the State provides medical assistance to newly eligible individuals";
 - (D) in subparagraph (C), by striking "2018" and inserting "the fifth consecutive 12-month period in which the State provides medical assistance to newly eligible individuals";
 - (E) in subparagraph (D), by striking "2019" and inserting "the sixth consecutive 12-month period in which the State provides medical assistance to newly eligible individuals"; and
 - (F) in subparagraph (E), by striking "2020 and each year thereafter" and inserting "the seventh consecutive 12-month period in which the State provides medical assistance to newly eligible individuals and each such period thereafter";
 - (2) in subsection (z)(2)(B)(i)(II), by inserting "(as in effect on the day before the enactment of section 3 of the Medicaid Expansion Act of 2021)" after "subsection (y)(1)".

SEC. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions under this Act shall go into effect beginning January 1, 2022.