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H. R. 2333

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove special financial limitations that apply to Puerto Rico and certain other territories under the Medicaid Program with respect to medical assistance for Medicare cost-sharing and for veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROMERO-BARCELÓ (for himself, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. SERRANO, and Mr. RANGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. REMOVAL OF SPECIAL MEDICAID FINANCIAL**
 2 **LIMITATIONS ON PUERTO RICO AND CER-**
 3 **TAIN OTHER TERRITORIES ON MEDICARE**
 4 **COST-SHARING AND FOR VETERANS.**

5 (a) REMOVAL OF THE DOLLAR CAP.—Section 1108
 6 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (f), by striking “subsection
 8 (g)” and inserting “subsections (g) and (h)”;

9 (2) in subsection (g)(2), by inserting “but sub-
 10 ject to subsection (h),” after “Notwithstanding sub-
 11 section (f),”; and

12 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
 13 section:

14 “(h) DISREGARDING MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR CER-
 15 TAIN MEDICARE COST-SHARING AND FOR VETERANS.—
 16 The following medical assistance shall not be counted in
 17 applying subsections (f) and (g) and such subsections shall
 18 not limit the amount of medical assistance provided for
 19 the following:

20 “(1) MEDICARE COST-SHARING FOR QUALIFIED
 21 MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES (QMB), SPECIAL LOW-IN-
 22 COME MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES (SLMB), ETC.—
 23 Medical assistance provided (other than by American
 24 Samoa) in the form of medicare cost-sharing (as de-
 25 fined in section 1905(p)(3)) for qualified medicare
 26 beneficiaries (as defined in section 1905(p)(1)), spe-

1 cial low-income medicare beneficiaries (described in
2 section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iii)), and other individuals
3 described in section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv).

4 “(2) VETERANS.—Medical assistance provided
5 (other than by American Samoa) to individuals who
6 are veterans (within the meaning of section 101(2)
7 of title 38, United States Code).”.

8 (b) REMOVAL OF LIMITATION ON THE FEDERAL
9 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE FOR CERTAIN MEDI-
10 CARE COST-SHARING AND FOR VETERANS.—Section
11 1905(b)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)(2)) is amend-
12 ed by inserting “for medical assistance other than medical
13 assistance described in paragraph (1) or (2) of section
14 1108(h)” after “the Federal medical assistance percent-
15 age”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section are effective beginning with fiscal year 2000
18 and shall apply to medical assistance for medicare cost-
19 sharing and items and services furnished on and after Oc-
20 tober 1, 1999.

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