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# H. R. 2976

To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permit children covered under a State child health plan (SCHIP) to continue to be eligible for benefits under the vaccine for children program.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 29, 1999

Ms. PELOSI (for herself, Mr. BENTSEN, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. BORSKI, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. CAPUANO, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DIXON, Mr. DOOLEY of California, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FILNER, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. FROST, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LAMPSON, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. LEE, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MATSUI, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SANDLIN, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STARK, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Ms. WATERS, Mr. WATT of North Carolina, Mr. WAXMAN, and Ms. WOOLSEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce

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## 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. PERMITTING CHILDREN COVERED UNDER A**  
2 **STATE CHILD HEALTH PLAN (SCHIP) TO BE**  
3 **ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE VAC-**  
4 **CINE FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2109(a) of the Social Se-  
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ii(a)) is amended by adding  
7 at the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(3) VACCINE FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.—A  
9 child shall not be considered as ‘insured’ for pur-  
10 poses of applying section 1928(b)(2)(A)(ii) by reason  
11 of having obtained health benefits coverage under  
12 this title.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
14 subsection (a) applies with respect to vaccines adminis-  
15 tered on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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