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H. R. 1633

To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to encourage the use of web-based enrollment systems in the State children's health insurance program (SCHIP).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 3, 2003

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. HOEFFEL, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. HONDA, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BELL, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. LANTOS, and Mr. STUPAK) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "SCHIP Web-Based
5 Enrollment Act of 2003".

1 **SEC. 2. ENCOURAGING USE OF WEB-BASED ENROLLMENT**
2 **SYSTEMS UNDER SCHIP.**

3 (a) ALLOWING USE OF RETAINED ALLOTMENTS
4 WITHOUT PERCENTAGE LIMITS.—Section 2104(g)(2)(C)
5 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(g)(2)(C))
6 is amended—

7 (1) by striking “UP TO 10 PERCENT” in the
8 heading; and

9 (2) by inserting before the period at the end the
10 following: “and may use any of such amount for fis-
11 cal year 1998 and any subsequent fiscal year for ex-
12 penditures in developing and implementing a system
13 of enrollment that is based on applying for benefits
14 through an Internet web site”.

15 (b) ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMEN-
16 TATION.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services
17 shall make available upon request to States (as defined
18 for purposes of title XXI of the Social Security Act) infor-
19 mation and technical assistance on the development and
20 implementation of a web-based enrollment system under
21 the State children’s health insurance program under such
22 title, including (in cooperation with the State of California
23 and appropriate agencies in that State) information on the
24 web-based system (www.healthapp.org) being imple-
25 mented in that State.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) shall apply to fiscal years beginning with
3 fiscal year 2004.

4 **SEC. 3. GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and
6 Human Services shall provide for grants to States (as de-
7 fined for purposes of title XXI of the Social Security Act)
8 to enable the States to develop and implement web-based
9 enrollment systems under their State child health plans
10 under that title. Such a system may also be applied for
11 enrollment of children and families under the medicaid
12 program under title XIX of such Act.

13 (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—Grants under this
14 section shall be subject to such terms and conditions as
15 the Secretary may specify and shall only be made based
16 upon an application that is made to, and approved by, the
17 Secretary.

18 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
19 are authorized to be appropriated for grants under this
20 section \$50,000,000 for the 5-fiscal-year period beginning
21 with fiscal year 2004. Amounts appropriated under this
22 subsection shall remain available until expended. Funds
23 so appropriated are in addition to funds made available
24 under title XXI of the Social Security Act.

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