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S. 1519

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend medicare cost-sharing for qualifying individuals through 2004.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 31 (legislative day, JULY 21), 2003

Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Ms. MIKULSKI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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. EXTENSION OF MEDICARE COST-SHARING FOR**
4 **QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS THROUGH FISCAL**
5 **YEAR 2004.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) of the
7 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(E)(iv)) is
8 amended to read as follows:

“(iv) subject to sections 1933 and 1905(p)(4), for making medical assistance available (but only for premiums payable with respect to months during the period beginning with January 1998, and ending with December 2004) for medicare cost-sharing described in section 1905(p)(3)(A)(ii) for individuals who would be qualified medicare beneficiaries described in section 1905(p)(1) but for the fact that their income exceeds the income level established by the State under section 1905(p)(2) and is at least 120 percent, but less than 135 percent, of the official poverty line (referred to in such section) for a family of the size involved and who are not otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the State plan;”.

(b) STATE ALLOCATIONS.—Section 1933(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u–3(c)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at the end;

(B) in subparagraph (E)—

(i) by striking “fiscal year 2002” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2002 through 2004”; and

1 (ii) by striking the period and insert-
2 ing “; and”; and

3 (C) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(F) the first quarter of fiscal year 2005
5 is \$100,000,000.”; and

6 (2) in paragraph (2)(A), by striking “the
7 sum of” and all that follows through
8 “1902(a)(10)(E)(iv)(II) in the State; to” and insert-
9 ing “twice the total number of individuals described
10 in section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) in the State; to”.

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