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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States the option to provide medicaid coverage for low-income individuals infected with HIV.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SMITH (for himself, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WYDEN) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Early Treatment for
5 HIV Act of 2003”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPTIONAL MEDICAID COVERAGE OF LOW-INCOME**
7 **HIV-INFECTED INDIVIDUALS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902 of the Social Secu-
9 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(10)(A)(ii)—

2 (A) by striking “or” at the end of sub-
3 clause (XVII);

4 (B) by adding “or” at the end of subclause
5 (XVIII); and

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

7 “(XIX) who are described in sub-
8 section (cc) (relating to HIV-infected
9 individuals);” and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following:

11 “(cc) HIV-infected individuals described in this sub-
12 section are individuals not described in subsection
13 (a)(10)(A)(i)—

14 “(1) who have HIV infection;

15 “(2) whose income (as determined under the
16 State plan under this title with respect to disabled
17 individuals) does not exceed the maximum amount
18 of income a disabled individual described in sub-
19 section (a)(10)(A)(i) may have and obtain medical
20 assistance under the plan; and

21 “(3) whose resources (as determined under the
22 State plan under this title with respect to disabled
23 individuals) do not exceed the maximum amount of
24 resources a disabled individual described in sub-

1 section (a)(10)(A)(i) may have and obtain medical
2 assistance under the plan.”.

3 (b) ENHANCED MATCH.—The first sentence of sec-
4 tion 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1396d(b)) is amended by striking “section
6 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII)” and inserting “subclause
7 (XVIII) or (XIX) of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)”.

8 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1905(a) of
9 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amended
10 in the matter preceding paragraph (1)—

11 (1) by striking “or” at the end of clause (xii);

12 (2) by adding “or” at the end of clause (xiii);

13 and

14 (3) by inserting after clause (xiii) the following:

15 “(xiv) individuals described in section
16 1902(cc);”.

17 (d) EXEMPTION FROM FUNDING LIMITATION FOR
18 TERRITORIES.—Section 1108(g) of the Social Security
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(g)) is amended by adding at the end
20 the following:

21 “(3) DISREGARDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR
22 OPTIONAL LOW-INCOME HIV-INFECTED INDIVID-
23 UALS.—The limitations under subsection (f) and the
24 previous provisions of this subsection shall not apply
25 to amounts expended for medical assistance for indi-

1 viduals described in section 1902(cc) who are only
2 eligible for such assistance on the basis of section
3 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIX).”.

4 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall apply to calendar quarters beginning on
6 or after the date of the enactment of this Act, without
7 regard to whether or not final regulations to carry out
8 such amendments have been promulgated by such date.

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