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To amend the Public Health Service Act to help individuals with functional impairments and their families pay for services and supports that they need to maximize their functionality and independence and have choices about community participation, education, and employment, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Community Living As-  
5 sistance Services and Supports Act” or the “CLASS Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

2 The purposes of this Act are as follows:

3 (1) To provide individuals with functional limitations with tools that will allow them to maintain their independence and live in the community through a new financing strategy for community living assistance services and supports.

8 (2) To establish an infrastructure that will help address America's community living assistance services and supports needs.

11 (3) To alleviate burdens on family caregivers.

12 **SEC. 3. TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

13 The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title.

Sec. 2. Findings and Purposes.

Sec. 3. Table of contents.

**TITLE I—COMMUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS**

Sec. 101. Establishment of national voluntary insurance program for purchasing community living assistance services and support.

**TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986**

Sec. 201. Above-the-line deduction for premium costs.

Sec. 202. Credit for premium costs of low-income class enrollees.

Sec. 203. Credit for costs of employers who elect to automatically enroll employees and withhold class premiums from wages.

Sec. 204. Long-term care insurance includable in cafeteria plans.

**TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATE**

Sec. 301. Effective date.

1 **TITLE I—COMMUNITY LIVING  
2 ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND  
3 SUPPORTS**

4 **SEC. 101. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL VOLUNTARY IN-  
5 SURANCE PROGRAM FOR PURCHASING COM-  
6 MUNITY LIVING ASSISTANCE SERVICES AND  
7 SUPPORT.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Public Health Service  
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) is amended by adding  
11 at the end the following:

12 **“TITLE XXIX—COMMUNITY LIV-  
13 ING ASSISTANCE SERVICES  
14 AND SUPPORTS**

15 **“SEC. 2901. DEFINITIONS.**

16 “In this title:

17 “(1) ACTIVE ENROLLEE.—The term ‘active en-  
18 rollee’ means an individual who is enrolled in the  
19 CLASS program in accordance with section 2902  
20 and who has paid any premiums due to maintain  
21 such enrollment in accordance with section 2903.

22 “(2) ACTIVELY AT WORK.—The term ‘actively  
23 at work’ means an individual who—

24 “(A) is reporting for work at the individ-  
25 ual’s usual place of employment or at another

1 location to which the individual's employer re-  
2 quires the individual to travel (or in the case of  
3 an individual who is a member of the uniformed  
4 services, is on active duty and is physically able  
5 to perform the duties of the individual's posi-  
6 tion);

7                   “(B) is able to perform all the usual and  
8                   customary duties of the individual’s employment  
9                   on the individual’s regular work schedule; and

10                   “(C) is not absent from work due to sick-  
11                   ness, injury, annual leave, sick leave or any  
12                   other leave.

13           “(3) ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING.—The term  
14       ‘activities of daily living’ means each of the following  
15       activities specified in section 7702B(c)(2)(B) of the  
16       Internal Revenue Code of 1986:

17                             “(A) Eating.

## 21                           “(E) Dressing.

23               “(4) CLASS PROGRAM.—The term ‘CLASS  
24       program’ means the program established under this  
25       title.

## 1           “(5) DISABILITY DETERMINATION SERVICE.—

2           The term ‘Disability Determination Service’ means,  
3           with respect to each State, the entity that has an  
4           agreement with the Commissioner of Social Security  
5           to make disability determinations for purposes of  
6           title II or XVI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7           401 et seq., 1381 et seq.).

8           “(6) ELIGIBLE TIER I BENEFICIARY.—The  
9           term ‘eligible tier I beneficiary’ means any individual  
10           who—

11           “(A) is an active enrollee in the CLASS  
12           program; and

13           “(B) as of the date the individual is deter-  
14           mined to be unable to perform at least 2 activi-  
15           ties of daily living or to require supervision,  
16           cueing, or hands-on assistance to plan or per-  
17           form at least 2 such activities—

18           “(i) has paid premiums for enrollment  
19           in such program for at least 60 months;  
20           and

21           “(ii) except as provided in section  
22           2903(e)(2), has paid premiums for enroll-  
23           ment in such program for at least 12 con-  
24           secutive months if a lapse in premium pay-  
25           ments of more than 3 months has occurred

4                     “(7) ELIGIBLE TIER II BENEFICIARY.—The  
5                     term ‘eligible tier II beneficiary’ means any indi-  
6                     vidual who is an eligible tier I beneficiary who has  
7                     been determined to be unable to perform at least 4  
8                     activities of daily living or to require supervision,  
9                     cueing, or hands-on assistance to plan or perform at  
10                    least 4 such activities.

11                 “(8) HOSPITAL; NURSING FACILITY; INTER-  
12                 MEDIATE CARE FACILITY FOR THE MENTALLY RE-  
13                 TARDED; INSTITUTION FOR MENTAL DISEASES.—  
14                 The terms ‘hospital’, ‘nursing facility’, ‘intermediate  
15                 care facility for the mentally retarded’, and ‘institu-  
16                 tion for mental diseases’ have the meanings given  
17                 such terms for purposes of Medicaid.

18                   “(9) INDEPENDENCE FUND.—The term ‘Inde-  
19                   pendence Fund’ or ‘Fund’ means the fund estab-  
20                   lished under section 2905

21               “(10) MEDICAID.—The term ‘Medicaid’ means  
22               the program established under title XIX of the So-  
23               cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

24                   “(11) POVERTY LINE.—The term ‘poverty line’  
25           has the meaning given that term in section

1 2110(c)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
2 1397jj(c)(5)).

3                             “(12) PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SYSTEM.—

4     The term ‘Protection and Advocacy System’ means

5     the system for each State established under section

6     143 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance

7     and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15043).

10        "(a) AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT.—

11                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2),  
12                   the Secretary shall establish procedures under which  
13                   each individual described in subsection (c) shall be  
14                   automatically enrolled in the CLASS program by an  
15                   employer of such individual in the same manner as  
16                   an employer may elect to automatically enroll em-  
17                   ployees in a plan under section 401(k), 403(b), or  
18                   457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

19               “(2) ALTERNATIVE ENROLLMENT PROCE-  
20       DURES.—The procedures established under para-  
21       graph (1) shall provide for an alternative enrollment  
22       process for an individual described in subsection (c)  
23       in the case of such an individual—

24 “(A) who is self-employed;

25                   “(B) who has more than 1 employer;

1               “(C) whose employer does not elect to par-  
2               ticipate in the automatic enrollment process es-  
3               tablished by the Secretary; or

4               “(D) who is a spouse described in para-  
5               graph (2) of such subsection who is not subject  
6               to automatic enrollment.

7               “(3) ADMINISTRATION.—

8               “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall,  
9               by regulation, establish procedures to—

10               “(i) ensure that an individual is not  
11               automatically enrolled in the CLASS pro-  
12               gram by more than 1 employer; and

13               “(ii) allow for an individual’s em-  
14               ployer to deduct a premium for a spouse  
15               described in subsection (c)(1)(B) who is  
16               not subject to automatic enrollment.

17               “(B) FORM.—Enrollment in the CLASS  
18               program shall be made in such manner as the  
19               Secretary may prescribe in order to ensure ease  
20               of administration.

21               “(b) ELECTION TO OPT-OUT.—An individual de-  
22               scribed in subsection (c) may elect to waive enrollment  
23               under the CLASS program at any time in such form and  
24               manner as the Secretary shall prescribe.

1       “(c) INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED.—For purposes of en-  
2 rolling in the CLASS program, an individual described in  
3 this subsection is—

4           “(1) an individual—

5              “(A) who has attained age 18;

6              “(B) who—

7                  “(i) receives wages on which there is  
8 imposed a tax under section 3101(a) of the  
9 Internal Revenue Code of 1986; or

10               “(ii) derives self-employment income  
11 on which there is imposed a tax under sec-  
12 tion 1401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code  
13 of 1986;

14              “(C) who is actively at work; and

15              “(D) who is not—

16                  “(i) a patient in a hospital or nursing  
17 facility, an intermediate care facility for  
18 the mentally retarded, or an institution for  
19 mental diseases and receiving medical as-  
20 sistance under Medicaid; or

21                  “(ii) confined in a jail, prison, other  
22 penal institution or correctional facility, or  
23 by court order pursuant to conviction of a  
24 criminal offense or in connection with a  
25 verdict or finding described in section

3               “(2) the spouse of an individual described in  
4       paragraph (1) and who would be an individual so de-  
5       scribed but for subparagraph (B) or (C) of that  
6       paragraph.

7       “(d) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title  
8 shall be construed as requiring an active enrollee to con-  
9 tinue to satisfy subparagraph (B) or (C) of subsection  
10 (c)(1) in order to maintain enrollment in the CLASS pro-  
11 gram.

## 12 "SEC. 2903. PREMIUMS.

13        "(a) MONTHLY PREMIUMS.—Except as provided in  
14 subsection (e), each individual who is enrolled in the  
15 CLASS program shall pay the Secretary a monthly pre-  
16 mium to maintain enrollment in the program.

17        "(b) AMOUNT OF PREMIUM.—

18                 “(1) \$30 MONTHLY PREMIUM FOR ENROLL-  
19                 MENT IN THE FIRST YEAR OF THE PROGRAM.—Sub-  
20                 ject to the succeeding provisions of this subsection,  
21                 the monthly premium for enrollment in the CLASS  
22                 program of any individual who enrolls during the  
23                 first year in which the program is in effect under  
24                 this title shall be \$30 for every such enrollee, re-  
25                 gardless of their age at enrollment.

1           “(2) INFLATION ADJUSTED PREMIUM FOR EN-  
2 ROLLMENT IN FIRST YEAR IN WHICH AN INDIVIDUAL  
3 IS ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL AFTER FIRST YEAR OF THE  
4 PROGRAM.—The monthly premium for enrollment in  
5 the CLASS program of any individual who enrolls  
6 during the first year in which the individual is eligi-  
7 ble to enroll in the program but that occurs after the  
8 first year in which the program is in effect under  
9 this title, shall be \$30, increased with respect to  
10 each year that the program is in effect under this  
11 title until the year of such enrollment, by the per-  
12 centage increase in the consumer price index for all  
13 urban consumers (U.S. city average) over each such  
14 preceding year.

15           “(3) AGE-ADJUSTED PREMIUMS FOR ENROLL-  
16 MENT IN OTHER YEARS.—

17           “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
18 determine for each year that is not a year de-  
19 scribed in paragraph (1) or (2), an annual  
20 monthly premium for enrollment in the CLASS  
21 program of an individual during the year that  
22 adjusts the monthly premium that would apply  
23 to the individual under paragraph (2) if the in-  
24 dividual had enrolled during the first year in

1 which the individual was eligible to enroll in the  
2 program based on the following:

10                   “(B) LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE EX-  
11                   PENSES.—

13               “(4) NOMINAL PREMIUM FOR INDIVIDUAL’S  
14       WITH INCOME THAT DOES NOT EXCEED 150 PER-  
15       CENT OF THE POVERTY LINE.—

16                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an indi-  
17                   vidual whose income does not exceed 150 per-  
18                   cent of the poverty line, the monthly premium  
19                   for enrollment in the CLASS program shall be  
20                   the applicable amount under subparagraph (B).

21                   “(B) APPLICABLE AMOUNT.—The Sec-  
22                   retary shall establish premium amounts which  
23                   shall apply to an individual described in sub-  
24                   paragraph (A) in lieu of the premium amount  
25                   which would otherwise apply to the individual

1           under paragraph (1), (2), or (3) (whichever is  
2           applicable). Such amounts shall be nominal  
3           and, in the case of an individual who, but for  
4           this paragraph, would be subject to the pre-  
5           mium imposed under paragraph (3), may be ad-  
6           justed in accordance with the factors described  
7           in that paragraph.

8           “(C)           SELF-ATTESTATION           AND  
9           VERIFICATION   OF   INCOME.—The   Secretary  
10           shall establish procedures to—

11           “(i)   permit an individual, as part of  
12           their automatic enrollment in the CLASS  
13           program, to self-attest that their income  
14           does not exceed 150 percent of the poverty  
15           line; and

16           “(ii) verify the validity of such self-at-  
17           testation.

18           “(5) ADJUSTMENT OF PREMIUMS.—

19           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in  
20           subparagraphs (C) and (D), the amount of the  
21           monthly premium determined for an individual  
22           upon such individual’s enrollment in the  
23           CLASS program shall remain the same for as  
24           long as the individual is an active enrollee in  
25           the program.

1                         “(B) PROGRAM SOLVENCY PROJE-  
2                         CTIONS.—Beginning with 2010 and every year  
3                         thereafter, the Secretary shall determine with  
4                         respect to the 20-year period that begins with  
5                         that year, the amount of funds held (or pro-  
6                         jected to be held) in the Independence Fund es-  
7                         tablished under section 2905 that are required  
8                         to pay tier I and tier II benefits under section  
9                         2904 during each year of that period.

10                         “(C) RECALCULATED PREMIUM IF RE-  
11                         QUIRED FOR PROGRAM SOLVENCY.—

12                         “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clauses  
13                         (ii) and (iii), beginning with 2015 and  
14                         every year thereafter, if the Secretary de-  
15                         termines as a result of making the pro-  
16                         gram solvency projections required under  
17                         subparagraph (B) that, with respect to the  
18                         20-year period that begins with that year,  
19                         more than 40 percent of the amount of  
20                         funds held (or projected to be held) in the  
21                         Independence Fund established under sec-  
22                         tion 2905 are required to pay tier I and  
23                         tier II benefits under section 2904 during  
24                         each year of that period, the Secretary

1 shall adjust the monthly premiums for in-  
2 dividuals enrolled in the CLASS program.

3 “(ii) REQUIREMENTS.—In adjusting  
4 monthly premiums under clause (i), the  
5 Secretary shall increase the premiums by  
6 such an amount as will ensure that—

7 “(I) the aggregate amount of  
8 such premiums collected will result in  
9 not more than 20 percent of the  
10 amounts held in the Independence  
11 Fund being required to pay tier I and  
12 tier II benefits for any one year occur-  
13 ring during the applicable 20-year pe-  
14 riod;

15 “(II) with respect to any indi-  
16 vidual enrolled in the program—

17 “(aa) the amount of the in-  
18 crease in the individual’s monthly  
19 premium does not exceed the  
20 amount equal to 50 percent of  
21 the premium prior to such in-  
22 crease; and

23 “(bb) the individual’s  
24 monthly premium does not ex-  
25 ceed the amount equal to 200

1 percent of the initial premium  
2 amount paid by the individual  
3 during their first year of enrollment  
4 in the program; and  
5 “(III) the requirements of clause  
6 (iii) are met.

7 The Secretary shall immediately notify  
8 Congress if the Secretary determines that  
9 the requirements of this clause cannot be  
10 satisfied and shall include in such notification  
11 recommendations for such legislative  
12 action as the Secretary determines to be  
13 appropriate.

14 “(iii) EXEMPTION FROM INCREASE.—  
15 Any increase in a monthly premium im-  
16 posed as result of a determination de-  
17 scribed in clause (i) shall not apply with  
18 respect to the monthly premium of any ac-  
19 tive enrollee who—

20 “(I) has attained age 65;  
21 “(II) has paid premiums for en-  
22 rollment in the program for at least  
23 20 years; and  
24 “(III) is not actively at work.

1                     “(D) RECALCULATED PREMIUM IF RE-  
2                     ENROLLMENT AFTER MORE THAN A 3-MONTH  
3                     LAPSE.—

4                     “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-  
5                     vided in subsection (e)(2), the reenrollment  
6                     of an individual after a 90-day period dur-  
7                     ing which the individual failed to pay the  
8                     monthly premium required to maintain the  
9                     individual’s enrollment in the CLASS pro-  
10                     gram shall be treated as an initial enroll-  
11                     ment for purposes of age-adjusting the  
12                     premium for enrollment in the program.

13                     “(ii) CREDIT FOR PRIOR MONTHS.—  
14                     An individual who reenrolls in the CLASS  
15                     program after such a 90-day period shall  
16                     be—

17                     “(I) credited with any months of  
18                     paid premiums that accrued prior to  
19                     the individual’s lapse in enrollment;  
20                     and

21                     “(II) notwithstanding the total  
22                     amount of any such credited months,  
23                     required to satisfy section  
24                     2901(6)(B)(ii) before being eligible to  
25                     receive a tier I or tier II benefit.

1               “(6) NO UNDERWRITING REQUIREMENTS.—No  
2               underwriting shall be used to—

3               “(A) determine the monthly premium for  
4               enrollment in the CLASS program; or  
5               “(B) prevent an individual from enrolling  
6               in the program.

7               “(c) PAYMENT.—

8               “(1) PAYROLL DEDUCTION.—An amount equal  
9               to the monthly premium for the enrollment in the  
10               CLASS program of an individual shall be deducted  
11               from the wages or self-employment income of such  
12               individual in accordance with such procedures as the  
13               Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of the  
14               Treasury, shall establish for employers who elect to  
15               deduct and withhold such premiums on behalf of en-  
16               rolled employees.

17               “(2) ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MECHANISM.—  
18               The Secretary shall establish alternative procedures  
19               for the payment of monthly premiums by an indi-  
20               vidual enrolled in the CLASS program—

21               “(A) who does not have an employer who  
22               elects to deduct and withhold premiums in ac-  
23               cordance with paragraph (1); or

24               “(B) who does not earn wages or derive  
25               self-employment income.

1       “(d) TRANSFER OF PREMIUMS COLLECTED.—

2           “(1) IN GENERAL.—During each calendar year  
3           the Secretary of the Treasury shall deposit into the  
4           Independence Fund a total amount equal, in the ag-  
5           gregate, to 100 percent of the premiums collected  
6           during that year.

7           “(2) TRANSFERS BASED ON ESTIMATES.—The  
8           amount deposited pursuant to paragraph (1) shall be  
9           transferred in at least monthly payments to the  
10           Independence Fund on the basis of estimates by the  
11           Secretary and certified to the Secretary of the  
12           Treasury of the amounts collected in accordance  
13           with paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c). Prop-  
14           er adjustments shall be made in amounts subse-  
15           quently transferred to the Fund to the extent prior  
16           estimates were in excess of, or were less than, actual  
17           amounts collected.

18       “(e) CONTRIBUTION PERIOD.—

19           “(1) IN GENERAL.—An individual shall not be  
20           required to pay a monthly premium to maintain the  
21           individual’s enrollment in the CLASS program dur-  
22           ing the following periods:

23           “(A) RECEIVING BENEFITS WHILE UNEM-  
24           PLOYED.—Any period during which the indi-  
25           vidual is—

1                             “(i) receiving tier I or tier II benefits;

2                             and

3                             “(ii) the individual does not have  
4                             wages or income derived from self-employ-  
5                             ment.

6                             “(B) FULL-TIME STUDENT WHO IS AC-  
7                             TIVELY AT WORK.—Any period during which  
8                             the individual is a full-time student (as deter-  
9                             mined by the Secretary) who has not attained  
10                             age 22 and is actively at work.

11                             “(2) APPLICATION OF PREMIUM AMOUNT PRIOR  
12                             TO START OF PERIOD.—Upon the conclusion of a pe-  
13                             riod described in paragraph (1) for an individual,  
14                             the individual shall resume paying the monthly pre-  
15                             mium amount that applied to the individual imme-  
16                             diately prior to the start of such period in order to  
17                             maintain enrollment in the program.

18     **“SEC. 2904. BENEFITS.**

19                             “(a) DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—

20                             “(1) APPLICATION FOR RECEIPT OF BENE-  
21                             FITS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures  
22                             under which an active enrollee shall apply for receipt  
23                             of tier I or tier II benefits.

24                             “(2) ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENTS.—

1                     “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than Octo-  
2                     ber 1, 2008, the Secretary shall enter into  
3                     agreements with—

4                         “(i) the Disability Determination  
5                     Service for each State to provide for eligi-  
6                     bility assessments of active enrollees who  
7                     apply for receipt of benefits;

8                         “(ii) the Protection and Advocacy  
9                     System for each State to provide advocacy  
10                     services in accordance with subsection (e);  
11                     and

12                         “(iii) public and private entities to  
13                     provide advice and assistance counseling in  
14                     accordance with subsection (f).

15                     “(B) 30-DAY PERIOD FOR APPROVAL OR  
16                     DISAPPROVAL.—An agreement under subpara-  
17                     graph (A) shall require that a Disability Deter-  
18                     mination Service determine within 30 days of  
19                     the receipt of an application for benefits under  
20                     the CLASS program whether an applicant is an  
21                     eligible tier I beneficiary or an eligible tier II  
22                     beneficiary. An application that is pending after  
23                     45 days shall be deemed approved.

24                     “(C) PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY FOR CER-  
25                     TAIN INSTITUTIONALIZED ENROLLEES PLAN-

1                   NING TO DISCHARGE.—An active enrollee shall  
2                   be deemed presumptively eligible if the en-  
3                   rollee—

4                   “(i) has applied for receipt of tier II  
5                   benefits;

6                   “(ii) is a patient in a hospital, nursing  
7                   facility, intermediate care facility for the  
8                   mentally retarded, or an institution for  
9                   mental diseases; and

10                  “(iii) is in the process of, or about to  
11                  begin the process of, planning to discharge  
12                  from the hospital, facility, or institution.

13                  “(D) APPEALS.—The Secretary shall es-  
14                  tablish procedures under which an applicant for  
15                  benefits under the CLASS program shall be  
16                  guaranteed the right to appeal an adverse de-  
17                  termination.

18                  “(b) TIER I BENEFITS.—An eligible tier I beneficiary  
19                  shall receive the following tier I benefits:

20                  “(1) DAILY CASH BENEFIT.—A daily cash ben-  
21                  efit in the amount of \$50 per day.

22                  “(2) ANNUAL BENEFIT.—An annual benefit in  
23                  an amount not to exceed the amount equal to the  
24                  daily benefit applicable under paragraph (1) (after  
25                  the application of subsection (g)) multiplied by 365.

1           “(3) ADVOCACY SERVICES.—Advocacy services  
2        in accordance with subsection (e).

3           “(4) ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE COUNSELING.—  
4        Advice and assistance counseling in accordance with  
5        subsection (f).

6           “(5) NO LIFETIME LIMIT.—There shall be no  
7        lifetime limit on the aggregate tier I benefits that an  
8        eligible tier I beneficiary may receive.

9           “(c) TIER II BENEFITS.—An eligible tier II bene-  
10        ficiary shall receive the following tier II benefits:

11           “(1) DAILY CASH BENEFIT.—A daily cash ben-  
12        efit in the amount of \$100 per day.

13           “(2) ANNUAL BENEFIT.—An annual benefit in  
14        an amount not to exceed the amount equal to the  
15        daily benefit applicable under paragraph (1) (after  
16        the application of subsection (g)) multiplied by 365.

17           “(3) ADVOCACY SERVICES.—Advocacy services  
18        in accordance with subsection (e).

19           “(4) ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE COUNSELING.—  
20        Advice and assistance counseling in accordance with  
21        subsection (f).

22           “(5) NO LIFETIME LIMIT.—There shall be no  
23        lifetime limit on the aggregate tier II benefits that  
24        an eligible tier II beneficiary may receive.

25           “(d) PAYMENT OF BENEFITS.—

## 1       “(1) LIFE INDEPENDENCE ACCOUNTS.—

2               “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
3               establish procedures under which tier I daily  
4               cash benefits and tier II daily cash benefits  
5               shall be paid on a monthly basis into a Life  
6               Independence Account established by the Sec-  
7               retary on behalf of each eligible tier I bene-  
8               ficiary or eligible tier II beneficiary.9               “(B) USE OF CASH BENEFITS.—Daily cash  
10               benefits paid into a Life Independence Account  
11               of an eligible tier I beneficiary or an eligible tier  
12               II beneficiary shall be used to purchase non-  
13               medical services and supports that the bene-  
14               ficiary needs to maintain his or her independ-  
15               ence at home or in another residential setting  
16               in the community, such as home modifications,  
17               adaptive technology, accessible transportation,  
18               homemaker services, respite care, personal as-  
19               sistance services, and home care aides.20               “(C) ELECTRONIC MANAGEMENT OF  
21               FUNDS.—The procedures established in accord-  
22               ance with subparagraph (A) shall provide for—23                       “(i) crediting an account established  
24                       on behalf of a beneficiary with the bene-  
25                       ficiary’s cash daily benefit;

1                             “(ii) accessing such account through  
2                             debit cards; and

3                             “(iii) accounting for withdrawals by  
4                             the beneficiary from such account.

5                             “(D) PRIMARY PAYOR RULES FOR BENE-  
6                             FICIARIES WHO ARE ENROLLED IN MEDICAID.—

7                             In the case of an eligible tier I beneficiary or  
8                             an eligible tier II beneficiary who is enrolled in  
9                             Medicaid, the following payment rules shall  
10                            apply:

11                             “(i) INSTITUTIONALIZED BENE-  
12                             FICIARY.—If the beneficiary is a patient in  
13                             a hospital, nursing facility, intermediate  
14                             care facility for the mentally retarded, or  
15                             an institution for mental diseases, the ben-  
16                             eficiary shall retain an amount equal to 5  
17                             percent of the beneficiary's daily cash ben-  
18                             efit (which shall be in addition to the  
19                             amount of the beneficiary's personal needs  
20                             allowance provided under Medicaid), and  
21                             the remainder of such benefit shall be ap-  
22                             plied toward the facility's cost of providing  
23                             the beneficiary's care, and Medicaid shall  
24                             provide secondary coverage for such care.

1                             “(ii) BENEFICIARIES RECEIVING  
2                             HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERV-  
3                             ICES.—

4                             “(I) 50 PERCENT OF DAILY BEN-  
5                             EFIT RETAINED BY BENEFICIARY.—If  
6                             a beneficiary is receiving medical as-  
7                             sistance under Medicaid for home and  
8                             community based services, the bene-  
9                             ficiary shall retain an amount equal to  
10                             50 percent of the beneficiary’s daily  
11                             cash benefit, subject to subclause (II),  
12                             and the remainder of the daily cash  
13                             benefit shall be applied toward the  
14                             cost to the State of providing such as-  
15                             sistance (and shall not be used to  
16                             claim Federal matching funds under  
17                             Medicaid), and Medicaid shall provide  
18                             secondary coverage for the remainder  
19                             of any costs incurred in providing  
20                             such assistance.

21                             “(II) REQUIREMENT FOR STATE  
22                             OFFSET.—A State shall be paid the  
23                             remainder of a beneficiary’s daily cash  
24                             benefit under subclause (I) only if the  
25                             State home and community-based

1 waiver under section 1115 of the So-  
2 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) or  
3 subsection (c) or (d) of section 1915  
4 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n) does  
5 not include a waiver of the require-  
6 ments of section 1902(a)(1) of the So-  
7 cial Security Act (relating to  
8 statewideness) or of section  
9 1902(a)(10)(B) of such Act (relating  
10 to comparability) and the State offers  
11 at a minimum case management serv-  
12 ices, personal care services, habili-  
13 tation services, and respite care under  
14 such a waiver.

15 “(III) DEFINITION OF HOME AND  
16 COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.—In  
17 this clause, the term ‘home and com-  
18 munity-based services’ means any  
19 services which may be offered under a  
20 home and community-based waiver  
21 authorized for a State under section  
22 1115 of the Social Security Act (42  
23 U.S.C. 1315) or subsection (c) or (d)  
24 of section 1915 of such Act (42  
25 U.S.C. 1396n).

1                   “(2) AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES.—

2                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The procedures estab-  
3                   lished under paragraph (1)(A) shall allow for  
4                   access to tier I daily benefits or tier II daily  
5                   benefits by an authorized representative of the  
6                   eligible tier I beneficiary or eligible tier II bene-  
7                   ficiary on whose behalf such benefits are paid.

8                   “(B) QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PROTEC-  
9                   TION AGAINST FRAUD AND ABUSE.—The Sec-  
10                   retary shall include in the procedures estab-  
11                   lished under paragraph (1) standards of con-  
12                   duct for authorized representatives of eligible  
13                   tier I beneficiaries and eligible tier II bene-  
14                   ficiaries to ensure that authorized representa-  
15                   tives provide quality services on behalf of such  
16                   beneficiaries, do not have conflicts of interest,  
17                   and do not misuse benefits paid on behalf of  
18                   such beneficiaries or otherwise engage in fraud  
19                   or abuse.

20                   “(3) COMMENCEMENT OF BENEFITS.—Tier I  
21                   benefits or tier II benefits, as applicable, shall be  
22                   paid to, or on behalf of, an eligible tier I beneficiary  
23                   or an eligible tier II beneficiary, respectively, begin-  
24                   ning with the first month in which an application for  
25                   such benefits is approved.

1                 “(4) ROLLOVER OPTION FOR LUMP-SUM PAY-  
2         MENT.—An eligible tier I beneficiary or an eligible  
3         tier II beneficiary may elect to—

4                 “(A) defer payment of their daily benefit  
5         and to rollover any such deferred benefits from  
6         month-to-month, but not from year-to-year; and

7                 “(B) receive a lump-sum payment of such  
8         deferred benefits in an amount that may not  
9         exceed the lesser of—

10                 “(i) the total amount of the accrued  
11         deferred benefits; or

12                 “(ii) the applicable annual benefit.

13                 “(5) PERIOD FOR DETERMINATION OF ANNUAL  
14         BENEFITS.—

15                 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The applicable period  
16         for determining with respect to an eligible tier  
17         I beneficiary or an eligible tier II beneficiary  
18         the applicable annual benefit and the amount of  
19         any accrued deferred benefits is the 12-month  
20         period that commences with the first month in  
21         which the beneficiary began to receive such ben-  
22         efits, and each 12-month period thereafter.

23                 “(B) INCLUSION OF TIER I BENEFITS.—  
24         The Secretary shall establish procedures under  
25         which benefits paid to an eligible tier I bene-

1           ficiary who becomes an eligible tier II bene-  
2           ficiary before the end of a 12-month benefit pe-  
3           riod shall be included in the determination of  
4           the applicable annual benefit paid to the eligible  
5           tier II beneficiary.

6           “(C) RECOUPMENT OF UNPAID, ACCRUED  
7           BENEFITS.—

8           “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary  
9           shall recoup any accrued benefits in the  
10           event of—

11           “(I) the death of a beneficiary; or  
12           “(II) the failure of a beneficiary  
13           to elect under paragraph (4)(B) to re-  
14           ceive such benefits as a lump-sum  
15           payment before the end of the 12-  
16           month period in which such benefits  
17           accrued.

18           “(ii) PAYMENT INTO INDEPENDENCE  
19           FUND.—Any benefits recouped in accord-  
20           ance with clause (i) shall be paid into the  
21           Independence Fund and used in accord-  
22           ance with section 2905.

23           “(6) REQUIREMENT TO RECERTIFY ELIGIBILITY  
24           FOR RECEIPT OF BENEFITS AND TO NOTIFY THE  
25           SECRETARY IF NOT EARNING WAGES OR INCOME.—

1       The procedures established under paragraph (1)(A)  
2       shall provide for an eligible tier I beneficiary or an  
3       eligible tier II beneficiary to—

4               “(A) annually—

5                       “(i) recertify by submission of medical  
6                       evidence the beneficiary’s continued eligi-  
7                       bility for receipt of tier I or tier II benefits  
8                       (as applicable); and

9                       “(ii) submit records of expenditures  
10                       attributable to the aggregate daily cash  
11                       benefit received by the beneficiary during  
12                       the preceding year; and

13               “(B) notify the Secretary if the beneficiary  
14                       is not earning wages or deriving self-employ-  
15                       ment income and should not have to pay a  
16                       monthly premium to maintain enrollment in the  
17                       CLASS program in accordance with section  
18                       2903(e)(2).

19               “(7) SUPPLEMENT, NOT SUPPLANT OTHER  
20                       HEALTH CARE BENEFITS.—Subject to the Medicaid  
21                       payment rules under paragraph (1)(C), benefits re-  
22                       ceived by an eligible tier I beneficiary or an eligible  
23                       tier II beneficiary shall supplement, but not sup-  
24                       plant, other health care benefits for which the bene-  
25                       iciary is eligible under Medicaid or any other Feder-

1       ally funded program that provides health care bene-  
2       fits or assistance.

3       “(e) ADVOCACY SERVICES.—An agreement entered  
4       into under subsection (a)(2)(A)(ii) shall require the Pro-  
5       tection and Advocacy System for the State to—

6           “(1) assign, as needed, an advocacy counselor  
7       to each eligible tier I beneficiary or eligible tier II  
8       beneficiary that is covered by such agreement and  
9       who provides an eligible tier I beneficiary or an eligi-  
10       ble tier II beneficiary with—

11           “(A) information regarding how to access  
12       the appeals process established for the program;

13           “(B) assistance with respect to the annual  
14       recertification and notification required under  
15       subsection (d)(6); and

16           “(C) such other services as the Secretary,  
17       by regulation, shall require; and

18           “(2) ensure that the System and such coun-  
19       selors comply with the requirements of subsection  
20       (i).

21       “(f) ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE COUNSELING.—An  
22       agreement entered into under subsection (a)(2)(A)(iii)  
23       shall require the entity to assign, as requested by an eligi-  
24       ble tier I beneficiary or an eligible tier II beneficiary that  
25       is covered by such agreement, an advice and assistance

1 counselor who provides an eligible tier I beneficiary or an  
2 eligible tier II beneficiary with information regarding—

3                 “(1) accessing and coordinating long-term serv-  
4 ices and supports in the most integrated setting;  
5                 “(2) possible eligibility for other benefits and  
6 services;

7                 “(3) development of a service and support plan;  
8 and

9                 “(4) such other services as the Secretary, by  
10 regulation, may require.

11                 “(g) NO EFFECT ON ELIGIBILITY FOR OTHER BENE-  
12 FITS.—Benefits paid to an eligible tier I beneficiary or an  
13 eligible tier II beneficiary under the CLASS program shall  
14 be disregarded for purposes of determining or continuing  
15 the beneficiary’s eligibility for receipt of benefits under  
16 any other Federal, State, or locally funded assistance pro-  
17 gram, including benefits paid under titles II, XVI, XVIII,  
18 XIX, or XXI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401  
19 et seq., 1381 et seq., 1395 et seq., 1396 et seq., 1397aa  
20 et seq.), under the laws administered by the Secretary of  
21 Veterans Affairs, under low-income housing assistance  
22 programs, or under the food stamp program established  
23 under the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 2011).

24                 “(h) COST-OF-LIVING AND OTHER ADJUSTMENTS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with 2007, the  
2           dollar amounts specified in subsections (b)(1) and  
3           (c)(1) shall be annually increased by the percentage  
4           increase in the consumer price index for all urban  
5           consumers (U.S. city average) over the previous  
6           year.

7           “(2) ADDITIONAL ADJUSTMENT.—With respect  
8           to any year for which the Secretary has determined  
9           under section 2903(b)(4)(C) that an adjustment to  
10           the monthly premium amounts is necessary to en-  
11           sure program solvency, the Secretary shall decrease  
12           the increase in the dollar amounts specified in sub-  
13           sections (b)(1) and (c)(1) that would otherwise be  
14           applicable under paragraph (1) for that year, by  
15           such amount as the Secretary determines is appro-  
16           priate for that year (but shall ensure that there is  
17           an increase in such dollar amounts for that year) .

18           “(i) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this title  
19           shall be construed as prohibiting tier I or tier II benefits  
20           paid under the CLASS program from being used to com-  
21           pensate a family caregiver for providing community living  
22           assistance services and supports to an eligible tier I bene-  
23           ficiary or an eligible tier II beneficiary.

24           “(j) PROTECTION AGAINST CONFLICT OF INTER-  
25           ESTS.—The Secretary shall establish procedures to ensure

1 that the Disability Determination Service and Protection  
2 and Advocacy System for a State, advocacy counselors for  
3 eligible tier I or eligible tier II beneficiaries, and any other  
4 entities that provide services to active enrollees and eligi-  
5 ble tier I or eligible tier II beneficiaries under the CLASS  
6 program comply with the following:

7           “(1) If the entity provides counseling or plan-  
8       ning services, such services are provided in a manner  
9       that fosters the best interests of the active enrollee  
10      or beneficiary.

11           “(2) The entity has established operating proce-  
12       dures that are designed to avoid or minimize con-  
13       flicts of interest between the entity and an active en-  
14      rollee or beneficiary.

15           “(3) The entity provides information about all  
16       services and options available to the active enrollee  
17       or beneficiary, to the best of its knowledge, including  
18       services available through other entities or providers.

19           “(4) The entity assists the active enrollee or  
20       beneficiary to access desired services, regardless of  
21       the provider.

22           “(5) The entity reports the number of active  
23       enrollees and beneficiaries provided with assistance  
24       by age, disability, and whether such enrollees and

1       beneficiaries received services from the entity or an-  
2       other entity.

3           “(6) If the entity provides counseling or plan-  
4       ning services, the entity ensures that an active en-  
5       rollee or beneficiary is informed of any financial in-  
6       terest that the entity has in a service provider.

7           “(7) The entity provides an active enrollee or  
8       beneficiary with a list of available service providers  
9       that can meet the needs of the active enrollee or  
10       beneficiary.

11 **“SEC. 2905. INDEPENDENCE FUND.**

12       “(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF INDEPENDENCE FUND.—  
13       There is established in the Treasury of the United States  
14       a trust fund to be known as the ‘Independence Fund’. The  
15       Secretary shall serve as Managing Trustee of such Fund.  
16       The Fund shall consist of all amounts derived from pay-  
17       ments into the Fund under sections 2903(d) and  
18       2904(d)(5)(C)(ii), and remaining after investment of such  
19       amounts under subsection (b), including additional  
20       amounts derived as income from such investments. The  
21       amounts held in the Fund are appropriated and shall re-  
22       main available without fiscal year limitation—

23           “(1) to be held for investment on behalf of indi-  
24       viduals enrolled in the CLASS program;

1           “(2) to pay the administrative expenses related  
2        to the Fund and to investment under subsection (b);  
3        and

4           “(3) to pay tier I and tier II benefits under sec-  
5        tion 2904.

6        “(b) INVESTMENT OF FUND BALANCE.—The Sec-  
7        retary, through the Secretary of the Treasury, shall invest  
8        the Independence Fund in the same manner, and to the  
9        same extent, as the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Trust  
10      Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund  
11      may be invested under section 201(d) of the Social Secu-  
12      rity Act (42 U.S.C. 401(d)).

13        “(c) OFF-BUDGET STATUS; LOCK-BOX PROTEC-  
14      TION.—

15           “(1) EXCLUSION OF TRUST FUNDS FROM ALL  
16      BUDGETS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of  
17      law, the amounts derived from payments into the  
18      Fund and amounts paid from the Fund shall not be  
19      counted as new budget authority, outlays, receipts,  
20      or deficit or surplus for purposes of—

21           “(A) the budget of the United States Gov-  
22      ernment, as submitted by the President;

23           “(B) the congressional budget; or

24           “(C) the Balanced Budget and Emergency  
25      Deficit Control Act of 1985.

## 1       “(2) LOCK-BOX PROTECTION.—

2               “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
3               other provision of law, it shall not be in order  
4               in the Senate or the House of Representatives  
5               to consider any measure that would authorize  
6               the payment or use of amounts in the Fund for  
7               any purpose other than a purpose authorized  
8               under this title.

9               “(B) 60-VOTE WAIVER REQUIRED IN THE  
10               SENATE.—

11               “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A)  
12               may be waived or suspended in the Senate  
13               only by the affirmative vote of  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the  
14               Members, duly chosen and sworn.

15               “(ii) APPEALS.—

16               “(I) PROCEDURE.—Appeals in  
17               the Senate from the decisions of the  
18               Chair relating to clause (i) shall be  
19               limited to 1 hour, to be equally di-  
20               vided between, and controlled by, the  
21               mover and the manager of the meas-  
22               ure that would authorize the payment  
23               or use of amounts in the Fund for a  
24               purpose other than a purpose author-  
25               ized under this title.

1                             “(II) 60-VOTES REQUIRED.—An  
2                             affirmative vote of  $\frac{3}{5}$  of the Members,  
3                             duly chosen and sworn, shall be re-  
4                             quired in the Senate to sustain an ap-  
5                             peal of the ruling of the Chair on a  
6                             point of order raised in relation to  
7                             clause (i).

8                             “(C) RULES OF THE SENATE AND HOUSE  
9                             OF REPRESENTATIVES.—This section is enacted  
10                            by Congress—

11                            “(i) as an exercise of the rulemaking  
12                            power of the Senate and House of Rep-  
13                            resentatives, respectively, and is deemed to  
14                            be part of the rules of each House, respec-  
15                            tively, but applicable only with respect to  
16                            the procedure to be followed in that House  
17                            in the case of a measure described in sub-  
18                            paragraph (A), and it supersedes other  
19                            rules only to the extent that it is incon-  
20                            sistent with such rules; and

21                            “(ii) with full recognition of the con-  
22                            stitutional right of either House to change  
23                            the rules (so far as they relate to the pro-  
24                            cedure of that House) at any time, in the

1 same manner, and to the same extent as in  
2 the case of any other rule of that House.

3       “(d) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS TO ENSURE SOL-  
4       VENCY DURING INITIAL BENEFIT YEARS.—In addition to  
5       the amounts appropriated to the Fund under subsection  
6       (a), out of any money in the Treasury of the United States  
7       not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the  
8       Fund, for each of fiscal years 2011 through 2015, such  
9       sums as are necessary for each such fiscal year (and  
10      which, in the case of each of fiscal years 2012 through  
11      2015, shall be less than the amount appropriated for the  
12      preceding fiscal year) to ensure the solvency of the Fund  
13      during the first 5 years in which tier I or tier II benefits  
14      are paid from the Fund. Amounts appropriated under this  
15      subsection shall remain available without fiscal year limi-  
16      tation for the purposes specified in paragraphs (1), (2),  
17      and (3) of subsection (a).

## 18 "SEC. 2906. REGULATIONS: ANNUAL REPORT.

19        "(a) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall promulgate  
20 such regulations as are necessary to carry out the CLASS  
21 program in accordance with this title. Such regulations  
22 shall include provisions to prevent fraud and abuse under  
23 the program.

24        "(b) ANNUAL REPORT.—Beginning with fiscal year  
25 2011, the Secretary shall submit an annual report to Con-

1 gress on the CLASS program. Each report shall include  
2 the following:

3           “(1) The total amount of enrollees in the pro-  
4 gram.

5           “(2) The total number of eligible tier I bene-  
6 ficiaries and eligible tier II beneficiaries during the  
7 fiscal year.

8           “(3) The total amount of tier I and tier II ben-  
9 efits provided during the fiscal year.

10           “(4) A description of instances of fraud or  
11 abuse identified during the fiscal year.

12           “(5) Recommendations for such administrative  
13 or legislative action as the Secretary determines is  
14 necessary to improve the program or to prevent the  
15 occurrence of fraud or abuse.

16 **“SEC. 2907. TAX TREATMENT OF PROGRAM.**

17           “The CLASS program shall be treated for purposes  
18 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in the same manner  
19 as a qualified long-term care insurance contract for qual-  
20 fied long-term care services.”.

21           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO MED-  
22 ICAID.—Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act  
23 (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

24           (A) in paragraph (66), by striking “and”  
25 at the end;

1 (B) in paragraph (67), by striking the pe-  
2 riod and inserting “; and”; and

3 (C) by inserting after paragraph (67) the  
4 following:

5       “(68) provide that the State will comply with  
6       such regulations regarding the application of pri-  
7       mary and secondary payor rules with respect to indi-  
8       viduals who are eligible for medical assistance under  
9       this title and are eligible tier I beneficiaries or eligi-  
10      ble tier II beneficiaries under the CLASS program  
11      established under title XXIX of the Public Health  
12      Service Act as the Secretary shall establish.”.

13 (b) ASSURANCE OF ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE  
14 FOR THE PROVISION OF PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANT  
15 WORKERS.—Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act  
16 (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)), as amended by subsection (a)(2),  
17 is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (67), by striking “and” at the  
19 end;

20 (2) in paragraph (68), by striking the period at  
21 the end and inserting “; and”; and

22 (3) by inserting after paragraph (68), the fol-  
23 lowing:

24               “(69) provide that, not later than 2 years after  
25               the date of enactment of the Community Living As-

1       sistance Services and Supports Act, each State  
2       shall—

3               “(A) assess the extent to which entities  
4       such as providers of home care, home health  
5       services, home and community service providers,  
6       public authorities created to provide personal  
7       care services to individuals eligible for medical  
8       assistance under the State plan, and nonprofit  
9       organizations, are serving or have the capacity  
10      to serve as fiscal agents for, employers of, and  
11      providers of employment-related benefits for,  
12      personal care attendant workers who provide  
13      personal care services to individuals receiving  
14      benefits under the CLASS program established  
15      under title XXIX of the Public Health Service  
16      Act, including in rural and underserved areas;

17               “(B) designate or create such entities to  
18      serve as fiscal agents for, employers of, and  
19      providers of employment-related benefits for,  
20      such workers to ensure an adequate supply of  
21      the workers for individuals receiving benefits  
22      under the CLASS program, including in rural  
23      and underserved areas; and

24               “(C) ensure that the designation or cre-  
25      ation of such entities will not impede the ability

1           of such individuals to retain, manage, or dis-  
2           miss such workers or inhibit such individuals  
3           from relying on family members for the provi-  
4           sion of personal care services.”.

5           (c) PERSONAL CARE ATTENDANTS WORKFORCE AD-  
6           VISORY PANEL.—

7           (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days  
8           after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
9           retary of Health and Human Services shall establish  
10          a Personal Care Attendants Workforce Advisory  
11          Panel for the purpose of examining and advising the  
12          Secretary and Congress on workforce issues related  
13          to personal care attendant workers, including with  
14          respect to the adequacy of the number of such work-  
15          ers, the salaries, wages, and benefits of such work-  
16          ers, and access to the services provided by such  
17          workers.

18           (2) MEMBERSHIP.—In appointing members to  
19          the Personal Care Attendants Workforce Advisory  
20          Panel, the Secretary shall ensure that such members  
21          include the following:

22           (A) Individuals with disabilities of all ages.  
23           (B) Senior individuals.  
24           (C) Representatives of individuals with dis-  
25          abilities.

- 1 (D) Representatives of senior individuals.
- 2 (E) Representatives of workforce and labor
- 3 organizations.
- 4 (F) Representatives of home and commu-
- 5 nity-based service providers.
- 6 (G) Representatives of assisted living pro-
- 7 viders.

8 **TITLE II—AMENDMENTS TO THE**  
9 **INTERNAL REVENUE CODE**  
10 **OF 1986**

11 SEC. 201. ABOVE-THE-LINE DEDUCTION FOR PREMIUM  
12 COSTS.

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 62(a) of the Internal Rev-  
14 enue Code of 1986 (defining adjusted gross income) is  
15 amended by redesignating paragraph (19), as added by  
16 section 703(a) of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004,  
17 as paragraph (20), and by inserting after paragraph (20)  
18 (as so redesignated) the following new paragraph:

19           “(21) CLASS PROGRAM PREMIUMS.—The deduc-  
20        tion allowed by section 213 (determined without re-  
21        gard to any adjusted gross income limitation) which  
22        consists of amounts paid by the taxpayer for enroll-  
23        ment in the CLASS program (as defined in section  
24        36(d)) for eligible enrollment months (as defined in  
25        section 36(b)) beginning in the taxable year.”.

1       (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
3 December 31, 2005.

4 **SEC. 202. CREDIT FOR PREMIUM COSTS OF LOW-INCOME**  
5                   **CLASS ENROLLEES.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart C of part IV of sub-  
7 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
8 1986 (relating to refundable credits) is amended by redes-  
9 ignating section 36 as section 37 and inserting after sec-  
10 tion 35 the following new section:

11 **“SEC. 36. PREMIUM COSTS OF LOW-INCOME CLASS ENROLL-  
12                   EES.**

13       “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a low-income  
14 CLASS enrollee, there shall be allowed as a credit against  
15 the tax imposed by subtitle A an amount equal to 50 per-  
16 cent of the amount paid by the taxpayer for enrollment  
17 of the taxpayer and the taxpayer’s spouse in the CLASS  
18 program for eligible enrollment months beginning in the  
19 taxable year.

20       “(b) ELIGIBLE ENROLLMENT MONTH.—For pur-  
21 poses of this section—

22               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘eligible enroll-  
23               ment month’ means any month if, as of the first day  
24               of such month, the taxpayer is a low-income CLASS

1       enrollee enrolled in the CLASS program, the pre-  
2       mium for which is paid by the taxpayer.

3           “(2) JOINT RETURNS.—In the case of a joint  
4       return, the requirements of paragraph (1) shall be  
5       treated as met with respect to any month if at least  
6       1 spouse satisfies such requirements.

7           “(c) LOW-INCOME CLASS ENROLLEE.—For purposes  
8       of this section, the term ‘low-income CLASS enrollee’  
9       means an individual—

10           “(1) who is an active enrollee in the CLASS  
11       program (as defined in section 2901(1) of the Public  
12       Health Service Act); and

13           “(2) whose gross income does not exceed 250  
14       percent of the poverty line.

15           “(d) CLASS PROGRAM.—For purposes of this section,  
16       the term ‘CLASS program’ means the program for com-  
17       munity living assistance services and supports established  
18       under title XXIX of the Public Health Service Act.

19           “(e) SPECIAL RULES.—

20           “(1) COORDINATION WITH OTHER DEDUC-  
21       TIONS.—Amounts taken into account under sub-  
22       section (a) shall not be taken into account in deter-  
23       mining any deduction allowed under section  
24       62(a)(21), 162(l), or 213.

1           “(2) MSA DISTRIBUTIONS.—Amounts distrib-  
2       uted from an Archer MSA (as defined in section  
3       220(d)) shall not be taken into account under sub-  
4       section (a).

5           “(3) DENIAL OF CREDIT TO DEPENDENTS.—No  
6       credit shall be allowed under this section to any indi-  
7       vidual with respect to whom a deduction under sec-  
8       tion 151 is allowable to another taxpayer for a tax-  
9       able year beginning in the calendar year in which  
10      such individual’s taxable year begins.

11       “(4) BOTH SPOUSES ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—  
12      For purposes of subsection (a), the amount paid for  
13      enrollment of the taxpayer’s spouse shall be dis-  
14      regarded if—

15           “(A) the taxpayer is married at the close  
16       of the taxable year,

17           “(B) the taxpayer and the taxpayer’s  
18       spouse are both low-income CLASS enrollees  
19       during the taxable year, and

20           “(C) the taxpayer files a separate return  
21       for the taxable year.

22       “(5) MARITAL STATUS; CERTAIN MARRIED IN-  
23       DIVIDUALS LIVING APART.—Rules similar to the  
24       rules of paragraph (3) and (4) of section 21(e) shall  
25       apply for purposes of this section.

1       “(f) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe  
2 such regulations and guidance as may be necessary or ap-  
3 propriate to carry out this section.”.

4       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

5           (1) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title  
6       31, United States Code, is amended by inserting “or  
7       36” after “35”.

8           (2) The table of section for subpart C of part  
9       IV of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
10      1986 is amended by striking the last item and in-  
11      serting the following new items:

“Sec. 36. Premiums costs of low-income CLASS enrollees.

“Sec. 37. Overpayments of tax.”.

12       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
13 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
14 December 31, 2005.

15 **SEC. 203. CREDIT FOR COSTS OF EMPLOYERS WHO ELECT**  
16           **TO AUTOMATICALLY ENROLL EMPLOYEES**  
17           **AND WITHHOLD CLASS PREMIUMS FROM**  
18           **WAGES.**

19       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart D of part IV of sub-  
20 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
21 1986 (relating to business credits) is amended by inserting  
22 after section 45M the following:

1   **“SEC. 45N. CREDIT FOR COSTS OF AUTOMATICALLY EN-**  
2                   **ROLLING EMPLOYEES AND WITHHOLDING**  
3                   **CLASS PREMIUMS FROM WAGES.**

4       “(a) GENERAL RULE.—For purposes of section 38,  
5   the CLASS automatic enrollment and premium with-  
6   holding credit determined under this section for the tax-  
7   able year is an amount equal to 25 percent of the total  
8   amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the tax-  
9   able year to—

10           “(1) automatically enroll employees in the  
11   CLASS program established under title XXIX of the  
12   Public Health Service Act, and

13           “(2) withhold monthly CLASS premiums on be-  
14   half of an employee who is enrolled in that program.

15       “(b) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—No deduction  
16   shall be allowed under this chapter for any amount taken  
17   into account in determining the credit under this section.

18       “(c) ELECTION NOT TO CLAIM CREDIT.—This sec-  
19   tion shall not apply to a taxpayer for any taxable year  
20   if such taxpayer elects to have this section not apply for  
21   such taxable year.”.

22       (b) CREDIT MADE PART OF GENERAL BUSINESS  
23   CREDIT.—Subsection (b) of section 38 of the Internal  
24   Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to general business credit)  
25   is amended by striking “plus” at the end of paragraph  
26   (23), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (24)

1 and inserting “, plus”, and by inserting after paragraph  
2 (24) the following new paragraph:

3               “(25) the CLASS automatic enrollment and  
4                premium withholding credit.”.

5 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
6 for subpart D of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1  
7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-  
8 serting after the item relating to section 45M the following  
9 new item:

“Sec. 45N. Credit for costs of automatically enrolling employees and withholding CLASS premiums from wages.”.

10 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11 this section shall apply to expenses paid or incurred after  
12 December 31, 2005, in taxable years ending after such  
13 date.

14 SEC. 204. LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE INCLUDIBLE IN  
15 CAFETERIA PLANS.

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 125(f) of the Internal  
17 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking the last sen-  
18 tence.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
20 subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after  
21 December 31, 2005.

1       **TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATE**2   **SEC. 301. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3       Except as provided in sections 201(b), 202(c), and  
4   203(b), this Act and the amendments made by this Act  
5   take effect on January 1, 2006.

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