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# H. R. 2512

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 24, 2007

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. WYNN, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Ms. HIRONO, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. HONDA, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Ms. WATSON, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. CLAY, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, and Mr. FATTAH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Reducing Coverage  
3 Gaps for Kids Act of 2007”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING STATES FROM REQUIRING MEDICAID**  
5 **OR SCHIP ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS OF**  
6 **CHILDREN MORE FREQUENTLY THAN ANNU-**  
7 **ALLY.**

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

10           (1) in paragraph (69), by striking “and” at the  
11 end;

12           (2) in paragraph (70), by striking the period at  
13 the end and inserting “; and”; and

14           (3) by inserting after paragraph (70) the fol-  
15 lowing new paragraph:

16           “(71) provide that eligibility of an individual  
17 under 19 years of age under this title (including  
18 under a waiver approved under section 1115) shall  
19 be effective for a 12-month period (or, if earlier,  
20 until the date the individual would no longer be eligi-  
21 ble for medical assistance under this title based on  
22 age) without requirement to determine eligibility be-  
23 fore the end of such period, except that a State may  
24 require such an individual to notify the State of  
25 changes in income or other circumstances during

1       such a 12-month period and may redetermine such  
2       individual's eligibility based on such changes.”.

3       (b) SCHIP.—Section 2102(b)(2) of such Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 1397bb(b)(2)) is amended by adding at the end  
5 the following: “Such methods shall provide that eligibility  
6 of a targeted low-income child shall be effective for a 12-  
7 month period (or, if earlier, until the date the child would  
8 no longer be eligible based on age) without requirement  
9 to determine eligibility before the end of such period. The  
10 previous sentence shall not be construed as preventing a  
11 State from requiring a targeted low-income child to notify  
12 the State of changes in income or other circumstances  
13 during such a 12-month period and as preventing a State  
14 from redetermining such child's eligibility based on such  
15 changes.”.

16       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 this section shall apply to States with respect to eligibility  
18 determinations for periods beginning on or after January  
19 1, 2008.

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