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To amend titles XI and XIX of the Social Security Act to remove the cap on Medicaid payments for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American Samoa and to adjust the Medicaid statutory matching rate for those territories.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 6, 2009

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN (for herself, Ms. BORDALLO, and Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REMOVAL OF THE CAP ON MEDICAID PAY-**
2 **MENTS FOR PUERTO RICO, THE VIRGIN IS-**
3 **LANDS, GUAM, THE NORTHERN MARIANA IS-**
4 **LANDS, AND AMERICAN SAMOA AND ADJUST-**
5 **MENT OF THE MEDICAID STATUTORY MATCH-**
6 **ING RATE FOR THOSE TERRITORIES.**

7 (a) REMOVAL OF CAP.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1108 of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308) is amended by strik-
10 ing subsections (f) and (g).

11 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(A) Section
12 1902(j) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(j)) is amend-
13 ed by striking “the limitation in section 1108(f),”.

14 (B) Section 1905(u) of such Act (42
15 U.S.C. 1396d(u)) is amended by striking para-
16 graph (4).

17 (b) ADJUSTMENT OF FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSIST-
18 ANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP).—Section 1905(b)(2) of
19 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)(2)) is amended by striking
20 “50 per centum” and inserting “for purposes of this title
21 only 77 percent”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
24 of this Act, and shall apply to expenditures made on or
25 after such date.