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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide access to certified professional midwives for women enrolled in the Medicaid program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 14, 2013

Ms. PINGREE of Maine (for herself, Ms. MOORE, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. MICHAUD, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ELLISON, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Mr. KEATING) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Access to Certified
5 Professional Midwives Act of 2013”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERAGE OF SERVICES PRO-**
 2 **VIDED BY CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MID-**
 3 **WIVES UNDER MEDICAID.**

4 (a) COVERAGE OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL MID-
 5 WIFE SERVICES.—Section 1905(a) of the Social Security
 6 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (28), by deleting “and” at the
 8 end;

9 (2) by redesignating paragraph (29) as para-
 10 graph (30); and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (28) the fol-
 12 lowing paragraph:

13 “(29) services that—

14 “(A) are furnished by a certified profes-
 15 sional midwife (as defined by the Secretary);
 16 and

17 “(B) the certified professional midwife is
 18 legally authorized to perform under State law
 19 (or the State regulatory mechanism provided by
 20 State law); and”.

21 (b) INCLUSION IN MANDATORY SERVICES.—Section
 22 1902(a)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 23 1396a(a)(10)(A)) is amended, in the matter before clause
 24 (i)—

25 (1) by striking “and” before “(28)”; and

26 (2) by inserting “, and (29)” after “(28)”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in para-
3 graph (2), the amendments made by this section
4 shall take effect on January 1, 2015.

5 (2) RULE FOR CHANGES REQUIRING STATE
6 LEGISLATION.—In the case of a State plan for med-
7 ical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security
8 Act which the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
9 ices determines requires State legislation (other than
10 legislation appropriating funds) in order for the plan
11 to meet the additional requirements imposed by the
12 amendments made by this section, the State plan
13 shall not be regarded as failing to comply with the
14 requirements of such title solely on the basis of its
15 failure to meet these additional requirements before
16 the later of the following dates:

17 (A) The first day of the first calendar
18 quarter beginning after the close of the first
19 regular session of the State legislature that be-
20 gins after the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (B) The date in paragraph (1).

22 For purposes of the previous sentence, in the case
23 of a State that has a 2-year legislative session, each

- 1 year of such session shall be deemed to be a sepa-
- 2 rate regular session of the State legislature.

