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H. R. 778

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to redistribute Federal funds that would otherwise be made available to States that do not provide for the Medicaid expansion in accordance with the Affordable Care Act to those States electing to provide those Medicaid benefits, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CONNOLLY 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 “Medicaid Expansion
5 Incentive Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL MEDICAID FUNDS**
2 **TO STATES ELECTING TO MEET ACA MED-**
3 **ICAID EXPANSION REQUIREMENTS FROM**
4 **STATES NOT SO ELECTING.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903 of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b) is amended by adding at the
7 end the following new subsection:

8 “(aa) BONUS FOR STATES ELECTING TO MEET ACA
9 MEDICAID EXPANSION REQUIREMENTS FROM FUNDS
10 MADE AVAILABLE BY OTHER STATES NOT ELECTING TO
11 MEET THOSE REQUIREMENTS.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a partici-
13 pating State for a fiscal year as determined under
14 paragraph (2), in accordance with regulations of the
15 Secretary, the State shall be entitled to an increase
16 in payments under its State plan under this title in
17 an amount determined under paragraph (3) of the
18 Secretary’s estimate of the net reduction in Federal
19 expenditures for nonparticipating States (including
20 the amount of the additional Federal financial par-
21 ticipation under this title that otherwise would have
22 been paid to such States if they were participating
23 States) during the fiscal year as a result of such
24 States not applying the ACA Medicaid expansion re-
25 quirements.

26 “(2) NOTICE REGARDING PARTICIPATION.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—Before the beginning of each fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2016) each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia is requested to inform the Secretary, in a form and manner specified by the Secretary and accompanied by such assurances regarding State plan amendments as the Secretary may specify, if the State will be applying its State plan under this title for such fiscal year in accordance with the requirements specified in the amendments made by paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 2001(a) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (in this subsection referred to as the ‘ACA Medicaid expansion requirements’), which include requirements described in—

“(i) section 1902(a)(10)(A)(I)(VIII);

and

“(ii) section 1902(k).

The Secretary shall not accept information submitted under this subparagraph for a fiscal year after the beginning of the fiscal year involved.

“(B) DETERMINATION OF PARTICIPATING AND NONPARTICIPATING STATES.—Taking into

1 account the information submitted under sub-
2 paragraph (A) for a fiscal year, the Secretary
3 shall determine for the fiscal year which of the
4 50 States and the District of Columbia will be
5 applying the ACA Medicaid expansion require-
6 ments for the fiscal year and which will not.
7 For purposes of this subsection—

8 “(i) each State or District determined
9 to be applying such requirements for a fis-
10 cal year is referred to as a ‘participating
11 State’ for such fiscal year; and

12 “(ii) each State or District determined
13 not to be applying such requirements for a
14 fiscal year is referred to as a ‘nonpartici-
15 pating State’ for such fiscal year.

16 “(3) AMOUNT OF INCREASE.—The Secretary
17 shall compute the increase in payments under this
18 subsection for a participating State for a fiscal year,
19 to the extent of available funds, in accordance with
20 a formula specified by the Secretary. Within the
21 amount of available funds, such formula may take
22 into account elements such as—

23 “(A) increasing to 100 percent the FMAP
24 for newly eligible mandatory individuals;

1 “(B) increasing the matching percentage
2 for administrative costs attributable to applica-
3 tion of ACA Medicaid expansion requirements;
4 and

5 “(C) an increase in DSH allotments.

6 “(4) PUBLICATION OF INFORMATION ON ESTI-
7 MATED IMPACT OF NONPARTICIPATION.—The Sec-
8 retary shall publish for each nonparticipating State
9 for each fiscal year—

10 “(A) the amount of the additional Federal
11 funds under this title for the fiscal year that
12 the Secretary estimates the State has forgone
13 as a result of its not being a participating State
14 for such fiscal year; and

15 “(B) the number of additional beneficiaries
16 that would have been covered under the State
17 plan under this title in the fiscal year if the
18 State had been a participating State for the fis-
19 cal year.”.

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