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To increase support for State Children’s Health Insurance programs during the COVID–19 emergency, and for other purposes.

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Ms. WILD (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEAN, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. MOORE, Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. HASTINGS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. HORSFORD, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. RASKIN, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. RYAN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. COHEN, Mrs. LURLA, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. BROWN of Maryland, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LAMB, Ms. FINKENAUER, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. COX of California, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Mr. CROW, and Ms. FUDGE) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Children’s Health In-
3 surance Program Pandemic Enhancement and Relief Act”
4 or the “CHIPPER Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. INCREASING THE CHIP ENHANCED FMAP TO HELP**
6 **STATES RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PAN-**
7 **DEMIC.**

8 Section 2105(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1397ee(b)) is amended—

10 (1) by striking “For purposes of subsection
11 (a),” and inserting the following:

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
13 (a),”;

14 (2) in the second sentence—

15 (A) by inserting “, subject to paragraph
16 (2),” after “23 percentage points, and”; and

17 (B) by striking “September 30, 2020” and
18 inserting “September 30, 2021”; and

19 (3) by adding at the end the following new
20 paragraph:

21 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—During the period that
22 begins on October 1, 2020, and ends on September
23 30, 2021, a State shall not receive the increase de-
24 scribed in the second sentence of paragraph (1) to
25 the enhanced FMAP for such State, with respect to
26 a quarter that occurs during such period, if—

1 “(A) the amount of any premium imposed
2 by the State under the State child health plan
3 (or a waiver of such plan) during such quarter,
4 with respect to an individual enrolled under
5 such plan (or waiver), exceeds the amount of
6 such premium as of January 1, 2020;

7 “(B) the State fails to provide that an in-
8 dividual who is enrolled for benefits under such
9 plan (or waiver) as of the date of enactment of
10 this paragraph or enrolls for benefits under
11 such plan (or waiver) during the period begin-
12 ning on such date of enactment and ending on
13 the last day of the month in which the emer-
14 gency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of
15 section 1135(g) ends shall be treated as eligible
16 for such benefits through the end of the month
17 in which such emergency period ends unless the
18 individual requests a voluntary termination of
19 eligibility or the individual ceases to be a resi-
20 dent of the State;

21 “(C) the State does not provide coverage
22 under such plan (or waiver), without the im-
23 position of cost sharing, during such quarter for
24 any testing services and treatments for

1 COVID–19, including vaccines, specialized
2 equipment, and therapies;

3 “(D) the State imposes a waiting period
4 under the State child health plan prior to the
5 provision of child health assistance to a tar-
6 geted low-income child; or

7 “(E) the State fails to take active meas-
8 ures (as determined by the Secretary) to iden-
9 tify and re-enroll children who are eligible for
10 child health assistance under the State plan and
11 who were previously enrolled in such plan.”.

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