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H. R. 2445

To prohibit implementation of the rule entitled “Medicaid Program; Streamlining the Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program, and Basic Health Program Application, Eligibility Determination, Enrollment, and Renewal Processes”, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 27, 2025

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah 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 “Ensuring Medicaid Eli-
5 gibility Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDICAID**
2 **STREAMLINING RULE.**

3 The Secretary of Health and Human Services may
4 not implement, enforce, or otherwise give effect to the rule
5 entitled “Medicaid Program; Streamlining the Medicaid,
6 Children’s Health Insurance Program, and Basic Health
7 Program Application, Eligibility Determination, Enroll-
8 ment, and Renewal Processes” (89 Fed. Reg. 22780) pub-
9 lished on April 2, 2024.

10 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITING ENROLLMENT IN THE MEDICAID PRO-**
11 **GRAM PRIOR TO VERIFICATION OF CITIZEN-**
12 **SHIP OR SATISFACTORY IMMIGRATION STA-**
13 **TUS; ENSURING ELIGIBILITY.**

14 Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1396a(a)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (86), by striking “and” at the
17 end;

18 (2) in paragraph (87), by striking the period
19 and inserting a semicolon; and

20 (3) by inserting after paragraph (87) the fol-
21 lowing new paragraphs:

22 “(88) provide that no individual is enrolled
23 under such plan (or under a waiver of such plan)
24 prior to the date that such State verifies that such
25 individual is a citizen or national of the United

1 States or an individual in satisfactory immigration
 2 status (as defined in section 1137(d)(1)); and

3 “(89) provide that, in the case of an individual
 4 enrolled under such plan (or under a waiver of such
 5 plan) whose eligibility is based in part by reference
 6 to the income of such individual (as determined
 7 under subsection (e)(14)), the eligibility of such indi-
 8 vidual is verified not less frequently than quar-
 9 terly.”.

10 **SEC. 4. LIMITING MEDICAID COVERAGE OF PAROLEES AND**
 11 **TPS AND DACA RECIPIENTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903(v) of the Social Se-
 13 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(v)) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (2), in the matter preceding
 15 subparagraph (A), by inserting “or (5)” after “para-
 16 graph (1)”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 18 paragraph:

19 “(5) Notwithstanding sections 401(a), 402(b), and
 20 403 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
 21 Reconciliation Act of 1996 and any other provision of this
 22 title, subject to paragraphs (2) and (4), no payment may
 23 be made to a State under this section for medical assist-
 24 ance furnished to an alien who is—

1 “(A) granted parole under section 212(d)(5) or
2 236(a)(2)(B) of the Immigration and Nationality
3 Act;

4 “(B) granted deferred action or deferred en-
5 forced departure, including pursuant to the memo-
6 randum of the Department of Homeland Security
7 entitled ‘Exercising Prosecutorial Discretion with
8 Respect to Individuals Who Came to the United
9 States as Children’ issued on June 15, 2012;

10 “(C) granted asylum under section 208 of such
11 Act;

12 “(D) granted temporary protected status under
13 section 244 of such Act; or

14 “(E) granted withholding of removal under sec-
15 tion 241(b)(3) of such Act.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1902(a) is
17 amended, in matter at the end, in the last sentence, by
18 inserting “or an alien described in section 1903(v)(5)”
19 after “color of law”.

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