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# H. R. 4244

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit payments under the Medicaid program for conversion therapy, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. THANEDAR (for himself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. FROST, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LIEU, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MOULTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PETERS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SOTO, Mr. TONKO, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. BALINT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Prohibition of Med-  
5 icaid Funding for Conversion Therapy Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON MEDICAID PAYMENTS FOR CON-**  
2 **VERSION THERAPY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902 of the Social Secu-  
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (86), by striking “and”  
7 at the end;

8 (B) in paragraph (87), by striking the pe-  
9 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

10 (C) by inserting after paragraph (87) the  
11 following new paragraph:

12 “(88) provide that, beginning with the first day  
13 of the first quarter that begins on or after the date  
14 of enactment of this paragraph, no payment may be  
15 made under the plan with respect to conversion ther-  
16 apy (as defined in subsection (uu)) furnished to an  
17 individual enrolled under the plan (or a waiver of  
18 such plan).”; and

19 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
20 section:

21 “(uu) **CONVERSION THERAPY; GENDER IDENTITY;**  
22 **PERSON; SEXUAL ORIENTATION.**—For purposes of sub-  
23 section (a)(88) and this subsection:

24 “(1) **CONVERSION THERAPY.**—The term ‘con-  
25 version therapy’—

1           “(A) means any practice or treatment by  
2 any person that seeks to change another indi-  
3 vidual’s sexual orientation or gender identity,  
4 including efforts to change behaviors or gender  
5 expressions, or to eliminate or reduce sexual or  
6 romantic attractions or feelings toward individ-  
7 uals of the same gender, if such person receives  
8 monetary compensation in exchange for any  
9 such practice or treatment; and

10           “(B) does not include any practice or  
11 treatment, which does not seek to change sexual  
12 orientation or gender identity, that—

13           “(i) provides assistance to an indi-  
14 vidual undergoing a gender transition; or

15           “(ii) provides acceptance, support,  
16 and understanding of a client or facilita-  
17 tion of a client’s coping, social support,  
18 and identity exploration and development,  
19 including sexual orientation-neutral inter-  
20 ventions to prevent or address unlawful  
21 conduct or unsafe sexual practices.

22           “(2) GENDER IDENTITY.—The term ‘gender  
23 identity’ means the gender-related identity, appear-  
24 ance, mannerisms, or other gender-related character-

1       istics of an individual, regardless of the individual's  
2       designated sex at birth.

3           “(3) PERSON.—The term ‘person’ means any  
4       individual, partnership, corporation, cooperative, as-  
5       sociation, or any other entity.

6           “(4) SEXUAL ORIENTATION.—The term ‘sexual  
7       orientation’ means homosexuality, heterosexuality, or  
8       bisexuality.”.

9       (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1903(i) of  
10      the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amend-  
11      ed—

12           (1) in paragraph (26), by striking “or” at the  
13      end;

14           (2) in paragraph (27), by striking the period at  
15      the end and inserting “; or”; and

16           (3) by inserting after paragraph (27) the fol-  
17      lowing new paragraph:

18           “(28) with respect to any amount expended for  
19      conversion therapy (as defined in section 1902(uu))  
20      on or after the date described in section  
21      1902(a)(88).”.

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