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H. R. 6408

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a State option to provide medical assistance to certain individuals with serious mental illness or substance use disorder.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PFLUGER 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 New Commu-
5 nity Health Opportunities and Recovery Act of 2025” or
6 the “ANCHOR Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHING A STATE OPTION TO PROVIDE MED-**
2 **ICAL ASSISTANCE TO CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS**
3 **WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUB-**
4 **STANCE USE DISORDER.**

5 Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1396a) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(10)(A)(ii)—

8 (A) in subclause (XXII), by striking “or”
9 at the end;

10 (B) in subclause (XXIII), by adding “or”
11 at the end; and

12 (C) by adding at the end the following new
13 subclause:

14 “(XXIV) specified individuals (as
15 defined in paragraph (1) of subsection
16 (uu)), subject to the provisions of
17 such subsection;” and

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

20 “(uu) SPECIFIED INDIVIDUALS.—

21 “(1) DEFINITION.—For purposes of subsection
22 (a)(10)(A)(ii), the term ‘specified individual’ means
23 an individual who—

24 “(A) is an uninsured individual (as defined
25 in subsection (ss));

1 “(B) whose income (as determined under
2 subsection (e)(14)) does not exceed 100 percent
3 of the poverty line (as defined in section
4 2110(c)(5)) applicable to a family of the size in-
5 volved;

6 “(C) who has been determined to have a
7 qualifying condition (as defined in paragraph
8 (2)) by—

9 “(i) a health care provider; or

10 “(ii) an entity determined appropriate
11 by the State, which may include—

12 “(I) an emergency department;

13 “(II) a clinic certified by the
14 State as a certified community behav-
15 ioral health clinic in accordance with
16 the criteria described in section
17 223(a)(1) of the Protecting Access to
18 Medicare Act of 2014;

19 “(III) an entity that receives
20 funding from the State to provide
21 mental health or substance use dis-
22 order services;

23 “(IV) an institution for mental
24 diseases (as defined in section
25 435.1010 of title 42, Code of Federal

1 Regulations (or a successor regula-
2 tion)); or

3 “(V) a State judicial, law en-
4 forcement, or child welfare agency.

5 “(2) QUALIFYING CONDITION DEFINED.—For
6 purposes of paragraph (1)(C), the term ‘qualifying
7 condition’ means any of the following:

8 “(A) Serious mental illness.

9 “(B) Serious emotional disturbance.

10 “(C) Opioid use disorder.

11 “(D) Stimulant use disorder (including
12 with respect to cocaine or methamphetamine).

13 “(3) CONDITIONS.—

14 “(A) SCOPE.—Medical assistance shall be
15 made available to a specified individual in the
16 same scope and manner as such assistance is
17 made available to individuals described in sub-
18 section (a)(10)(A)(i).

19 “(B) DURATION.—Medical assistance shall
20 be made available to a specified individual for
21 an initial continuous 1-year period. At the op-
22 tion of the State, the State may extend the
23 availability of such assistance to such individual
24 for subsequent continuous 1-year periods, pro-
25 vided that, prior to each such extension, the

1 State redetermines that such individual con-
2 tinues to be a specified individual.

3 “(4) ENSURING QUALITY OF CARE.—A State
4 shall, as a condition of exercising the State’s option
5 to make medical assistance available to specified in-
6 dividuals—

7 “(A) ensure such individuals have a care
8 plan developed within 60 days of enrolling for
9 such assistance by a physician, primary care
10 provider, emergency department, clinical prac-
11 tice or clinical group practice, rural clinic, com-
12 munity health center, certified community be-
13 havioral health clinic, or other health care pro-
14 vider that is determined by the State to be
15 qualified to develop such a plan; and

16 “(B) agree to report the behavioral health
17 measures of the Core Set of Adult Health Care
18 Quality Measures for Medicaid with respect to
19 such individuals in accordance with section
20 1139B.”.

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