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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a resources test for eligibility under the Medicaid program for the expansion population.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CLOUD 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 Equal Stand-
5 ards Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHING A RESOURCES TEST FOR ELIGI-**
7 **BILITY UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM FOR**
8 **THE EXPANSION POPULATION.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(e)(14) of the Social
10 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(14)) is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (C), by striking “A State”
2 and inserting “Subject to subparagraph (M), a
3 State”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
5 paragraph:

6 “(M) RESOURCES TEST FOR EXPANSION
7 INDIVIDUALS.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding
9 any other provision of this title, a State
10 shall provide, as a condition of eligibility
11 for medical assistance for an applicable in-
12 dividual (as defined in clause (v)), that
13 such individual satisfy a resources test es-
14 tablished by the State that meets the re-
15 quirements of clause (ii).

16 “(ii) RESOURCES TEST REQUIRE-
17 MENTS.—

18 “(I) IN GENERAL.—For purposes
19 of clause (i), subject to subclause
20 (III), a resources test established by a
21 State meets the requirements of this
22 clause if—

23 “(aa) the test precludes eli-
24 gibility for medical assistance for
25 any applicable individual whose

resources (as determined under section 1613 for purposes of the supplemental security income program) exceed the amount specified in subclause (II) (or, in the case such individual is married, double such amount); and

“(bb) the State provides for application of such test at such times as are specified in clause (iii).

“(II) AMOUNT SPECIFIED.—

“(aa) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subclause (I)(aa), the amount specified in this subclause is—

“(AA) for 2029,
\$10,000;

“(BB) for each subsequent year (other than an applicable year), the amount specified in this subclause for the previous year; and

“(CC) for an applicable year, the amount specified

1 in this subclause for the pre-
2 vious year, increased by the
3 percentage change in the
4 Consumer Price Index for
5 All Urban Consumers over
6 the 4-year period ending on
7 September 30 of such pre-
8 vious year.

9 “(bb) APPLICABLE YEAR
10 DEFINED.—For purposes of item
11 (aa), the term ‘applicable year’
12 means 2033 and every fourth
13 year thereafter.

14 “(III) STATE FLEXIBILITY.—A
15 State may elect, in a form and man-
16 ner specified by the Secretary—

17 “(aa) to apply, in lieu of the
18 dollar amount described in sub-
19 clause (I)(aa) applicable to an
20 applicable individual for a year,
21 such lower amount specified by
22 the State; or

23 “(bb) to take into account
24 resources specified by the State
25 that would otherwise be excluded

1 under section 1613 in deter-
2 mining the resources of an indi-
3 vidual.

4 “(IV) PROCESS TO EXERCISE
5 STATE FLEXIBILITY.—A State’s elec-
6 tion under subclause (III) may not be
7 denied by the Secretary and shall take
8 effect at such time and for such pe-
9 riod of time as the State specifies in
10 such election.

11 “(iii) APPLICATION OF TEST.—A
12 State shall provide that a resources test
13 described in clause (i) is applied—

14 “(I) in the case of an applicable
15 individual who has filed an application
16 for medical assistance under a State
17 plan (or a waiver of such plan) under
18 this title, at the time of the initial de-
19 termination of such individual’s eligi-
20 bility; and

21 “(II) in the case of an applicable
22 individual enrolled and receiving med-
23 ical assistance under a State plan (or
24 under a waiver of such plan) under
25 this title, at the time of each redeter-

mination of eligibility for such individual.

“(iv) TREATMENT WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN FMAP INCREASES.—A State shall not be treated as not providing medical assistance to all individuals described in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII), or as not expending amounts for all such individuals under the State plan (or waiver of such plan), solely because such an individual is determined ineligible for medical assistance under the State plan (or waiver) on the basis of a failure to satisfy a resources test described in clause (i).

“(v) APPLICABLE INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—

“(I) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this subparagraph, subject to subclause (II), the term ‘applicable individual’ has the meaning given such term in subsection (xx)(9)(A) and does not include any specified excluded individual.

“(II) STATE OPTION TO EXPAND DEFINITION OF APPLICABLE INDIVIDUAL.—

1 VIDUAL.—A State may, for purposes
 2 of this subparagraph, elect to include
 3 as applicable individuals any category
 4 of specified excluded individuals, or all
 5 such specified excluded individuals, as
 6 determined appropriate by the State.

7 “(III) SPECIFIED EXCLUDED IN-
 8 DIVIDUAL DEFINED.—For purposes of
 9 this clause, the term ‘specified ex-
 10 cluded individual’ has the meaning
 11 given such term in subsection
 12 (xx)(9)(A)(ii).”.

13 (b) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENT.—Section 1902(a)
 14 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amend-
 15 ed—

16 (1) in paragraph (89), by striking “and” at the
 17 end;

18 (2) in paragraph (90), by striking the period
 19 and inserting “; and”; and

20 (3) by inserting after paragraph (90) the fol-
 21 lowing new paragraph:

22 “(91) provide that the State meets the requirement
 23 described in subsection (e)(14)(M).”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall apply beginning January 1, 2029.

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