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To provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2017.

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AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE intended to be proposed by _____

Viz:

1 Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:
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3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017”.
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6 **TITLE I**

7 **SEC. 101. ELIMINATION OF LIMITATION ON RECAPTURE OF**

8 **EXCESS ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF PREMIUM**

9 **TAX CREDITS.**

10 Subparagraph (B) of section 36B(f)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the
11 end the following new clause:
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1 “(iii) NONAPPLICABILITY OF LIMITA-
2 TION.—This subparagraph shall not apply
3 to taxable years ending after December 31,
4 2017.”.

5 **SEC. 102. RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PREMIUM TAX CREDIT.**

6 (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR CREDIT.**—

7 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 36B(c)(1) of the In-
8 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

9 (A) by striking “equals or exceeds 100 per-
10 cent but does not exceed 400 percent” in sub-
11 paragraph (A) and inserting “does not exceed
12 350 percent”, and

13 (B) by striking subparagraph (B) and re-
14 designating subparagraphs (C) and (D) as sub-
15 paragraphs (B) and (C), respectively.

16 (2) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN ALIENS.**—

17 (A) **IN GENERAL.**—Paragraph (2) of sec-
18 tion 36B(e) of the Internal Revenue Code of
19 1986 is amended by striking “an alien lawfully
20 present in the United States” and inserting “a
21 qualified alien (within the meaning of section
22 431 of the Personal Responsibility and Work
23 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996)”.

24 (B) **AMENDMENTS TO PATIENT PROTEC-**
25 **TION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.**—

1 (i) Section 1411(a)(1) of the Patient
2 Protection and Affordable Care Act is
3 amended by striking “or an alien lawfully
4 present in the United States” and insert-
5 ing “or a qualified alien (within the mean-
6 ing of section 431 of the Personal Respon-
7 sibility and Work Opportunity Reconcili-
8 ation Act of 1996)”.

9 (ii) Section 1411(c)(2)(B) of such Act
10 is amended by striking “an alien lawfully
11 present in the United States” each place it
12 appears in clauses (i)(I) and (ii)(II) and
13 inserting “a qualified alien (within the
14 meaning of section 431 of the Personal Re-
15 sponsibility and Work Opportunity Rec-
16 onciliation Act of 1996)”.

17 (iii) Section 1412(d) of such Act is
18 amended—

19 (I) by striking “not lawfully
20 present in the United States” and in-
21 sserting “not citizens or nationals of
22 the United States or qualified aliens
23 (within the meaning of section 431 of
24 the Personal Responsibility and Work

1 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
2 1996”, and

3 (II) by striking “INDIVIDUALS
4 NOT LAWFULLY PRESENT” in the
5 heading and inserting “CERTAIN
6 ALIENS”.

7 (b) MODIFICATION OF LIMITATION ON PREMIUM AS-
8 SISTANCE AMOUNT.—

9 (1) USE OF BENCHMARK PLAN.—Section
10 36B(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
11 amended—

12 (A) by striking “applicable second lowest
13 cost silver plan” each place it appears in para-
14 graph (2)(B)(i) and (3)(C) and inserting “ap-
15 plicable median cost benchmark plan”,

16 (B) by striking “such silver plan” in para-
17 graph (3)(C) and inserting “such benchmark
18 plan”, and

19 (C) in paragraph (3)(B)—

20 (i) by redesignating clauses (i) and
21 (ii) as clauses (iii) and (iv), respectively,
22 and by striking all that precedes clause
23 (iii) (as so redesignated) and inserting the
24 following:

1 “(B) APPLICABLE MEDIAN COST BENCH-
2 MARK PLAN.—The applicable median cost
3 benchmark plan with respect to any applicable
4 taxpayer is the qualified health plan offered in
5 the individual market in the rating area in
6 which the taxpayer resides which—

7 “(i) provides a level of coverage that
8 is designed to provide benefits that are ac-
9 tuarily equivalent to 58 percent of the
10 full actuarial value of the benefits (as de-
11 termined under rules similar to the rules of
12 paragraphs (2) and (3) of section 1302(d)
13 of the Patient Protection and Affordable
14 Care Act) provided under the plan,

15 “(ii) has a premium which is the me-
16 dian premium of all qualified health plans
17 described in clause (i) which are offered in
18 the individual market in such rating area
19 (or, in any case in which no such plan has
20 such median premium, has a premium
21 nearest (but not in excess of) such median
22 premium),” and

23 (ii) by striking “clause (ii)(I)” in the
24 flush text at the end and inserting “clause
25 (iv)(I)”.

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1 (2) MODIFICATION OF APPLICABLE PERCENT-
 2 AGE.—Section 36B(b)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue
 3 Code of 1986 is amended—

4 (A) in clause (i), by striking “from the ini-
 5 tial premium percentage” and all that follows
 6 and inserting “from the initial percentage to
 7 the final percentage specified in such table for
 8 such income tier with respect to a taxpayer of
 9 the age involved:

“In the case of household income (expressed as a percent of the poverty line) within the following income tier:	Up to Age 29		Age 30-39		Age 40-49		Age 50-59		Over Age 59	
	Initial %	Final %	Initial %	Final %	Initial %	Final %	Initial %	Final %	Initial %	Final %
Up to 100%	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
100%-133%	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5
133%-150%	2.5	4	2.5	4	2.5	4	2.5	4	2.5	4
150%-200%	4	4.3	4	5.3	4	6.3	4	7.3	4	8.3
200%-250%	4.3	4.3	5.3	5.9	6.3	8.05	7.3	9	8.3	10
250%-300%	4.3	4.3	5.9	5.9	8.05	8.35	9	10.5	10	11.5
300%-350%	4.3	6.4	5.9	8.9	8.35	12.5	10.5	15.8	11.5	16.2”

10 (B) by striking “0.504” in clause (ii)(III)
 11 and inserting “0.4”, and

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

14 “(iii) AGE DETERMINATIONS.—For
 15 purposes of clause (i), the age of the tax-
 16 payer taken into account under clause (i)
 17 with respect to any taxable year is the age
 18 attained before the close of the taxable
 19 year by the oldest individual taken into ac-

1 count on such taxpayer's return who is
2 covered by a qualified health plan taken
3 into account under paragraph (2)(A).”.

4 (c) ELIMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY EXCEPTIONS FOR
5 EMPLOYER-SPONSORED COVERAGE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 36B(c)(2) of the In-
7 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
8 subparagraph (C).

9 (2) AMENDMENTS RELATED TO QUALIFIED
10 SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT AR-
11 RANGEMENTS.—Section 36B(c)(4) of such Code is
12 amended—

13 (A) by striking “which constitutes afford-
14 able coverage” in subparagraph (A), and

15 (B) by striking subparagraphs (B), (C),
16 (E), and (F) and redesignating subparagraph
17 (D) as subparagraph (B).

18 (d) MODIFICATIONS TO DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED
19 HEALTH PLAN.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 36B(c)(3)(A) of the
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
22 serting at the end the following new sentence: “Such
23 term shall not include a plan that includes coverage
24 for abortions (other than any abortion necessary to
25 save the life of the mother or any abortion with re-

1 spect to a pregnancy that is the result of an act of
2 rape or incest).”.

3 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
4 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years begin-
5 ning after December 31, 2017.

6 (e) ALLOWANCE OF CREDIT FOR CATASTROPHIC
7 PLANS.—Section 36B(c)(3)(A) of the Internal Revenue
8 Code of 1986, as amended by this Act, is amended by
9 striking “, except that such term shall not include a quali-
10 fied health plan that is a catastrophic plan described in
11 section 1302(e) of such Act”.

12 (f) INCREASED PENALTY ON ERRONEOUS CLAIMS OF
13 CREDIT.—Section 6676(a) of the Internal Revenue Code
14 of 1986 is amended by inserting “(25 percent in the case
15 of a claim for refund or credit relating to the health insur-
16 ance coverage credit under section 36B)” after “20 per-
17 cent”.

18 (g) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as otherwise provided
19 in this section, the amendments made by this section shall
20 apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

21 **SEC. 103. MODIFICATIONS TO SMALL BUSINESS TAX CRED-**

22 **IT.**

23 (a) SUNSET.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 45R of the Internal
2 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the
3 end the following new subsection:

4 “(j) SHALL NOT APPLY.—This section shall not
5 apply with respect to amounts paid or incurred in taxable
6 years beginning after December 31, 2019.”.

7 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
8 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years begin-
9 ning after December 31, 2019.

10 (b) DISALLOWANCE OF SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH
11 INSURANCE EXPENSE CREDIT FOR PLAN WHICH IN-
12 CLUDES COVERAGE FOR ABORTION.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (h) of section
14 45R of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
15 amended—

16 (A) by striking “Any term” and inserting
17 the following:

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any term”, and

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

21 “(2) EXCLUSION OF HEALTH PLANS INCLUDING
22 COVERAGE FOR ABORTION.—The term ‘qualified
23 health plan’ does not include any health plan that
24 includes coverage for abortions (other than any
25 abortion necessary to save the life of the mother or

1 any abortion with respect to a pregnancy that is the
2 result of an act of rape or incest).”.

3 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
4 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years begin-
5 ning after December 31, 2017.

6 **SEC. 104. INDIVIDUAL MANDATE.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5000A(c) of the Internal
8 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

9 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)(iii), by striking “2.5
10 percent” and inserting “Zero percent”, and

11 (2) in paragraph (3)—

12 (A) by striking “\$695” in subparagraph

13 (A) and inserting “\$0”, and

14 (B) by striking subparagraph (D).

15 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to months beginning after Decem-
17 ber 31, 2015.

18 **SEC. 105. EMPLOYER MANDATE.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—

20 (1) Paragraph (1) of section 4980H(c) of the
21 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
22 serting “(\$0 in the case of months beginning after
23 December 31, 2015)” after “\$2,000”.

24 (2) Paragraph (1) of section 4980H(b) of the
25 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-

1 serting “(\$0 in the case of months beginning after
2 December 31, 2015)” after “\$3,000”.

3 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
4 this section shall apply to months beginning after Decem-
5 ber 31, 2015.

6 **SEC. 106. STATE STABILITY AND INNOVATION PROGRAM.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2105 of the Social Secu-
8 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee) is amended by adding at the
9 end the following new subsections:

10 “(h) SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE TO ADDRESS COV-
11 ERAGE AND ACCESS DISRUPTION AND PROVIDE SUPPORT
12 FOR STATES.—

13 “(1) APPROPRIATION.—There are authorized to
14 be appropriated, and are appropriated, out of monies
15 in the Treasury not otherwise obligated,
16 \$15,000,000,000 for each of calendar years 2018
17 and 2019, and \$10,000,000,000 for each of calendar
18 years 2020 and 2021, to the Administrator of the
19 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (in this
20 subsection and subsection (i) referred to as the ‘Ad-
21 ministrators’) to fund arrangements with health in-
22 surance issuers to assist in the purchase of health
23 benefits coverage by addressing coverage and access
24 disruption and responding to urgent health care

1 needs within States. Funds appropriated under this
2 paragraph shall remain available until expended.

3 “(2) PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.—

4 “(A) GUIDANCE.—Not later than 30 days
5 after the date of enactment of this subsection,
6 the Administrator shall issue guidance to health
7 insurance issuers regarding how to submit a no-
8 tice of intent to participate in the program es-
9 tablished under this subsection.

10 “(B) NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICI-
11 PATE.—To be eligible for funding under this
12 subsection, a health insurance issuer shall sub-
13 mit to the Administrator a notice of intent to
14 participate at such time (but, in the case of
15 funding for calendar year 2018, not later than
16 35 days after the date of enactment of this sub-
17 section and, in the case of funding for calendar
18 year 2019, 2020, or 2021, not later than March
19 31 of the previous year) and in such form and
20 manner as specified by the Administrator and
21 containing—

22 “(i) a certification that the health in-
23 surance issuer will use the funds in accord-
24 ance with the requirements of paragraph
25 (5); and

1 “(ii) such information as the Adminis-
2 trator may require to carry out this sub-
3 section.

4 “(3) PROCEDURE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
5 FUNDS.—The Administrator shall determine an ap-
6 propriate procedure for providing and distributing
7 funds under this subsection that includes reserving
8 an amount equal to 1 percent of the amount appro-
9 priated under paragraph (1) for a calendar year for
10 providing and distributing funds to health insurance
11 issuers in States where the cost of insurance pre-
12 miums are at least 75 percent higher than the na-
13 tional average.

14 “(4) NO MATCH.—Neither the State percentage
15 applicable to payments to States under subsection
16 (i)(5)(B) nor any other matching requirement shall
17 apply to funds provided to health insurance issuers
18 under this subsection.

19 “(5) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds provided to a
20 health insurance issuer under paragraph (1) shall be
21 subject to the requirements of paragraphs (1)(D)
22 and (7) of subsection (i) in the same manner as
23 such requirements apply to States receiving pay-
24 ments under subsection (i) and shall be used only

1 for the activities specified in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) of
2 subsection (i).

3 “(i) LONG-TERM STATE STABILITY AND INNOVATION
4 PROGRAM.—

5 “(1) APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION RE-
6 QUIREMENTS.—To be eligible for an allotment of
7 funds under this subsection, a State shall submit to
8 the Administrator an application, not later than
9 March 31, 2018, in the case of allotments for cal-
10 endar year 2019, and not later than March 31 of
11 the previous year, in the case of allotments for any
12 subsequent calendar year) and in such form and
13 manner as specified by the Administrator, that con-
14 tains the following:

15 “(A) A description of how the funds will be
16 used to do 1 or more of the following:

17 “(i) To establish or maintain a pro-
18 gram or mechanism to help high-risk indi-
19 viduals in the purchase of health benefits
20 coverage, including by reducing premium
21 costs for such individuals, who have or are
22 projected to have a high rate of utilization
23 of health services, as measured by cost,
24 and who do not have access to health in-
25 surance coverage offered through an em-

1 ployer, enroll in health insurance coverage
2 under a plan offered in the individual mar-
3 ket (within the meaning of section
4 5000A(f)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue
5 Code of 1986).

6 “(ii) To establish or maintain a pro-
7 gram to enter into arrangements with
8 health insurance issuers to assist in the
9 purchase of health benefits coverage by
10 stabilizing premiums and promoting State
11 health insurance market participation and
12 choice in plans offered in the individual
13 market (within the meaning of section
14 5000A(f)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue
15 Code of 1986).

16 “(iii) To provide payments for health
17 care providers for the provision of health
18 care services, as specified by the Adminis-
19 trator.

20 “(iv) To provide health insurance cov-
21 erage by funding assistance to reduce out-
22 of-pocket costs, such as copayments, coin-
23 surance, and deductibles, of individuals en-
24 rolled in plans offered in the individual
25 market (within the meaning of section

1 5000A(f)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue
2 Code of 1986).

3 “(B) A certification that the State shall
4 make, from non-Federal funds, expenditures for
5 1 or more of the activities specified in subpara-
6 graph (A) in an amount that is not less than
7 the State percentage required for the year
8 under paragraph (5)(B)(ii).

9 “(C) A certification that the funds pro-
10 vided under this subsection shall only be used
11 for the activities specified in subparagraph (A).

12 “(D) A certification that none of the funds
13 provided under this subsection shall be used by
14 the State for an expenditure that is attributable
15 to an intergovernmental transfer, certified pub-
16 lic expenditure, or any other expenditure to fi-
17 nance the non-Federal share of expenditures re-
18 quired under any provision of law, including
19 under the State plans established under this
20 title and title XIX or under a waiver of such
21 plans.

22 “(E) Such other information as necessary
23 for the Administrator to carry out this sub-
24 section.

1 “(2) ELIGIBILITY.—Only the 50 States and the
2 District of Columbia shall be eligible for an allot-
3 ment and payments under this subsection and all
4 references in this subsection to a State shall be
5 treated as only referring to the 50 States and the
6 District of Columbia.

7 “(3) ONE-TIME APPLICATION.—If an applica-
8 tion of a State submitted under this subsection is
9 approved by the Administrator for a year, the appli-
10 cation shall be deemed to be approved by the Admin-
11 istrator for that year and each subsequent year
12 through December 31, 2026.

13 “(4) LONG-TERM STATE STABILITY AND INNO-
14 VATION ALLOTMENTS.—

15 “(A) APPROPRIATION; TOTAL ALLOT-
16 MENT.—For the purpose of providing allot-
17 ments to States under this subsection, there is
18 appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury
19 not otherwise appropriated—

20 “(i) for calendar year 2019,
21 \$8,000,000,000;

22 “(ii) for calendar year 2020,
23 \$14,000,000,000;

24 “(iii) for calendar year 2021,
25 \$14,000,000,000;

1 “(iv) for calendar year 2022,
2 \$19,200,000,000;

3 “(v) for calendar year 2023,
4 \$19,200,000,000;

5 “(vi) for calendar year 2024,
6 \$19,200,000,000;

7 “(vii) for calendar year 2025,
8 \$19,200,000,000; and

9 “(viii) for calendar year 2026,
10 \$19,200,000,000.

11 “(B) ALLOTMENTS.—

12 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
13 State with an application approved under
14 this subsection with respect to a year, the
15 Administrator shall allot to the State, in
16 accordance with an allotment methodology
17 specified by the Administrator that ensures
18 that the spending requirement in para-
19 graph (6) is met for the year and that re-
20 serves an amount that is at least 1 percent
21 of the amount appropriated under sub-
22 paragraph (A) for a calendar year for al-
23 lotments to each State where the cost of
24 insurance premiums are at least 75 per-
25 cent higher than the national average,

1 from amounts appropriated for such year
2 under subparagraph (A), such amount as
3 specified by the Administrator with respect
4 to the State and application and year.

5 “(ii) ANNUAL REDISTRIBUTION OF
6 PREVIOUS YEAR’S UNUSED FUNDS.—

7 “(I) IN GENERAL.— In carrying
8 out clause (i), with respect to a year
9 (beginning with 2021), the Adminis-
10 trator shall, not later than March 31
11 of such year—

12 “(aa) determine the amount
13 of funds, if any, remaining un-
14 used under subparagraph (A)
15 from the previous year; and

16 “(bb) if the Administrator
17 determines that any funds so re-
18 main from the previous year, re-
19 distribute such remaining funds
20 in accordance with an allotment
21 methodology specified by the Ad-
22 ministrator to States that have
23 submitted an application ap-
24 proved under this subsection for
25 the year.

1 “(II) APPLICABLE STATE PER-
2 CENTAGE.—The State percentage
3 specified for a year in paragraph
4 (5)(B)(ii) shall apply to funds redis-
5 tributed under subclause (I) in that
6 year.

7 “(C) AVAILABILITY OF ALLOTTED STATE
8 FUNDS.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Amounts allotted
10 to a State pursuant to subparagraph (B)(i)
11 for a year shall remain available for ex-
12 penditure by the State through the end of
13 the second succeeding year.

14 “(ii) AVAILABILITY OF AMOUNTS RE-
15 DISTRIBUTED.—Amounts redistributed to
16 a State under subparagraph (B)(ii) in a
17 year shall be available for expenditure by
18 the State through the end of the second
19 succeeding year.

20 “(5) PAYMENTS.—

21 “(A) ANNUAL PAYMENT OF ALLOT-
22 MENTS.—Subject to subparagraph (B), the Ad-
23 ministrators shall pay to each State that has an
24 application approved under this subsection for a
25 year, from the allotment determined under

1 paragraph (4)(B) for the State for the year, an
2 amount equal to the Federal percentage of the
3 State’s expenditures for the year.

4 “(B) STATE EXPENDITURES REQUIRED
5 BEGINNING 2022.—For purposes of subpara-
6 graph (A), the Federal percentage is equal to
7 100 percent reduced by the State percentage
8 for that year, and the State percentage is equal
9 to—

10 “(i) in the case of calendar year 2019,
11 0 percent;

12 “(ii) in the case of calendar year
13 2020, 0 percent;

14 “(iii) in the case of calendar year
15 2021, 0 percent;

16 “(iv) in the case of calendar year
17 2022, 7 percent;

18 “(v) in the case of calendar year
19 2023, 14 percent;

20 “(vi) in the case of calendar year
21 2024, 21 percent;

22 “(vii) in the case of calendar year
23 2025, 28 percent; and

24 “(viii) in the case of calendar year
25 2026, 35 percent.

1 “(C) ADVANCE PAYMENT; RETROSPECTIVE
2 ADJUSTMENT.—

3 “(i) IN GENERAL.—If the Adminis-
4 trator deems it appropriate, the Adminis-
5 trator shall make payments under this sub-
6 section for each year on the basis of ad-
7 vance estimates of expenditures submitted
8 by the State and such other investigation
9 as the Administrator shall find necessary,
10 and shall reduce or increase the payments
11 as necessary to adjust for any overpayment
12 or underpayment for prior years.

13 “(ii) MISUSE OF FUNDS.—If the Ad-
14 ministrators determines that a State is not
15 using funds paid to the State under this
16 subsection in a manner consistent with the
17 description provided by the State in its ap-
18 plication approved under paragraph (1),
19 the Administrator may withhold payments,
20 reduce payments, or recover previous pay-
21 ments to the State under this subsection
22 as the Administrator deems appropriate.

23 “(D) FLEXIBILITY IN SUBMITTAL OF
24 CLAIMS.—Nothing in this subsection shall be
25 construed as preventing a State from claiming

1 as expenditures in the year expenditures that
2 were incurred in a previous year.

3 “(6) REQUIRED USE FOR PREMIUM STABILIZA-
4 TION AND INCENTIVES FOR INDIVIDUAL MARKET
5 PARTICIPATION.—In determining allotments for
6 States under this subsection for each of calendar
7 years 2019, 2020, and 2021, the Administrator shall
8 ensure that at least \$5,000,000,000 of the amounts
9 appropriated for each such year under paragraph
10 (4)(A) are used by States for the purposes described
11 in paragraph (1)(A)(ii) and in accordance with guid-
12 ance issued by the Administrator not later than 30
13 days after the date of enactment of this subsection
14 that specifies the parameters for the use of funds for
15 such purposes.

16 “(7) EXEMPTIONS.—Paragraphs (2), (3), (5),
17 (6), (8), (10), and (11) of subsection (c) do not
18 apply to payments under this subsection.”.

19 (b) OTHER TITLE XXI AMENDMENTS.—

20 (1) Section 2101 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
21 1397aa) is amended—

22 (A) in subsection (a), in the matter pre-
23 ceding paragraph (1), by striking “The pur-
24 pose” and inserting “Except with respect to
25 short-term assistance activities under section

1 2105(h) and the Long-Term State Stability and
2 Innovation Program established in section
3 2105(i), the purpose”; and

4 (B) in subsection (b), in the matter pre-
5 ceding paragraph (1), by inserting “subsection
6 (a) or (g) of” before “section 2105”.

7 (2) Section 2105(c)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1397ee(c)(1)) is amended by striking “and may not
9 include” and inserting “or to carry out short-term
10 assistance activities under subsection (h) or the
11 Long-Term State Stability and Innovation Program
12 established in subsection (i) and, except in the case
13 of funds made available under subsection (h) or (i),
14 may not include”.

15 (3) Section 2106(a)(1) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
16 1397ff(a)(1)) is amended by inserting “subsection
17 (a) or (g) of” before “section 2105”.

18 **SEC. 107. BETTER CARE RECONCILIATION IMPLEMENTA-**
19 **TION FUND.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—There is hereby established a Bet-
21 ter Care Reconciliation Implementation Fund (referred to
22 in this section as the “Fund”) within the Department of
23 Health and Human Services to provide for Federal admin-
24 istrative expenses in carrying out this Act.

1 (b) FUNDING.—There is appropriated to the Fund,
2 out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
3 priated, \$500,000,000.

4 **SEC. 108. REPEAL OF THE TAX ON EMPLOYEE HEALTH IN-**
5 **SURANCE PREMIUMS AND HEALTH PLAN**
6 **BENEFITS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 43 of the Internal Rev-
8 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking section 4980I.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
10 subsection (a) shall apply to taxable years beginning after
11 December 31, 2019.

12 (c) SUBSEQUENT EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amend-
13 ment made by subsection (a) shall not apply to taxable
14 years beginning after December 31, 2025, and chapter 43
15 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read
16 as such chapter would read if such subsection had never
17 been enacted.

18 **SEC. 109. REPEAL OF TAX ON OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICA-**
19 **TIONS.**

20 (a) HSAs.—Subparagraph (A) of section 223(d)(2)
21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-
22 ing “Such term” and all that follows through the period.

23 (b) ARCHER MSAs.—Subparagraph (A) of section
24 220(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-

1 ed by striking “Such term” and all that follows through
2 the period.

3 (c) HEALTH FLEXIBLE SPENDING ARRANGEMENTS
4 AND HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ARRANGEMENTS.—Sec-
5 tion 106 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended
6 by striking subsection (f).

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATES.—

8 (1) DISTRIBUTIONS FROM SAVINGS AC-
9 COUNTS.—The amendments made by subsections (a)
10 and (b) shall apply to amounts paid with respect to
11 taxable years beginning after December 31, 2016.

12 (2) REIMBURSEMENTS.—The amendment made
13 by subsection (c) shall apply to expenses incurred
14 with respect to taxable years beginning after Decem-
15 ber 31, 2016.

16 **SEC. 110. REPEAL OF TAX ON HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.**

17 (a) HSAs.—Section 223(f)(4)(A) of the Internal
18 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “20 per-
19 cent” and inserting “10 percent”.

20 (b) ARCHER MSAs.—Section 220(f)(4)(A) of the In-
21 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “20
22 percent” and inserting “15 percent”.

23 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 this section shall apply to distributions made after Decem-
25 ber 31, 2016.

1 **SEC. 111. REPEAL OF LIMITATIONS ON CONTRIBUTIONS TO**
2 **FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 125 of the Internal Rev-
4 enue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsection (i).

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 this section shall apply to plan years beginning after De-
7 cember 31, 2017.

8 **SEC. 112. REPEAL OF TAX ON PRESCRIPTION MEDICA-**
9 **TIONS.**

10 Subsection (j) of section 9008 of the Patient Protec-
11 tion and Affordable Care Act is amended to read as fol-
12 lows:

13 “(j) REPEAL.—This section shall apply to calendar
14 years beginning after December 31, 2010, and ending be-
15 fore January 1, 2018.”.

16 **SEC. 113. REPEAL OF MEDICAL DEVICE EXCISE TAX.**

17 Section 4191 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986
18 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
19 section:

20 “(d) APPLICABILITY.—The tax imposed under sub-
21 section (a) shall not apply to sales after December 31,
22 2017.”.

23 **SEC. 114. REPEAL OF HEALTH INSURANCE TAX.**

24 Subsection (j) of section 9010 of the Patient Protec-
25 tion and Affordable Care Act is amended by striking “,

1 and” at the end of paragraph (1) and all that follows
2 through “2017”.

3 **SEC. 115. REPEAL OF ELIMINATION OF DEDUCTION FOR**
4 **EXPENSES ALLOCABLE TO MEDICARE PART D**
5 **SUBSIDY.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 139A of the Internal Rev-
7 enue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new sentence: “This section shall not be taken
9 into account for purposes of determining whether any de-
10 duction is allowable with respect to any cost taken into
11 account in determining such payment.”.

12 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
13 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
14 December 31, 2016.

15 **SEC. 116. REPEAL OF CHRONIC CARE TAX.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (a) of section 213 of
17 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking
18 “10 percent” and inserting “7.5 percent”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
20 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
21 December 31, 2016.

22 **SEC. 117. REPEAL OF TANNING TAX.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Internal Revenue Code of
24 1986 is amended by striking chapter 49.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 this section shall apply to services performed after Sep-
3 tember 30, 2017.

4 **SEC. 118. PURCHASE OF INSURANCE FROM HEALTH SAV-**
5 **INGS ACCOUNT.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 223(d)
7 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by sec-
8 tion 109(a), is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and any dependent (as defined
10 in section 152, determined without regard to sub-
11 sections (b)(1), (b)(2), and (d)(1)(B) thereof) of
12 such individual” in subparagraph (A) and inserting
13 “any dependent (as defined in section 152, deter-
14 mined without regard to subsections (b)(1), (b)(2),
15 and (d)(1)(B) thereof) of such individual, and any
16 child (as defined in section 152(f)(1)) of such indi-
17 vidual who has not attained the age of 27 before the
18 end of such individual’s taxable year”,

19 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
20 the following:

21 “(B) HEALTH INSURANCE MAY NOT BE
22 PURCHASED FROM ACCOUNT.—Except as pro-
23 vided in subparagraph (C), subparagraph (A)
24 shall not apply to any payment for insurance.”,
25 and

1 (3) by striking “or” at the end of subparagraph
2 (C)(iii), by striking the period at the end of subpara-
3 graph (C)(iv) and inserting “, or”, and by adding at
4 the end the following:

5 “(v) a high deductible health plan but
6 only to the extent of the portion of such
7 expense in excess of—

8 “(I) any amount allowable as a
9 credit under section 36B for the tax-
10 able year with respect to such cov-
11 erage,

12 “(II) any amount allowable as a
13 deduction under section 162(l) with
14 respect to such coverage, or

15 “(III) any amount excludable
16 from gross income with respect to
17 such coverage under section 106 (in-
18 cluding by reason of section 125) or
19 402(l).”.

20 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
21 this section shall apply with respect to amounts paid for
22 expenses incurred for, and distributions made for, cov-
23 erage under a high deductible health plan beginning after
24 December 31, 2017.

1 **SEC. 119. MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION LIMIT TO HEALTH SAV-**
2 **INGS ACCOUNT INCREASED TO AMOUNT OF**
3 **DEDUCTIBLE AND OUT-OF-POCKET LIMITA-**
4 **TION.**

5 (a) **SELF-ONLY COVERAGE.**—Section 223(b)(2)(A)
6 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by strik-
7 ing “\$2,250” and inserting “the amount in effect under
8 subsection (c)(2)(A)(ii)(I)”.

9 (b) **FAMILY COVERAGE.**—Section 223(b)(2)(B) of
10 such Code is amended by striking “\$4,500” and inserting
11 “the amount in effect under subsection (c)(2)(A)(ii)(II)”.

12 (c) **COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.**—Section
13 223(g)(1) of such Code is amended—

14 (1) by striking “subsections (b)(2) and” both
15 places it appears and inserting “subsection”, and

16 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “deter-
17 mined by” and all that follows through “‘calendar
18 year 2003’.” and inserting “determined by sub-
19 stituting ‘calendar year 2003’ for ‘calendar year
20 1992’ in subparagraph (B) thereof.”.

21 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
22 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
23 December 31, 2017.

1 **SEC. 120. ALLOW BOTH SPOUSES TO MAKE CATCH-UP CON-**
2 **TRIBUTIONS TO THE SAME HEALTH SAVINGS**
3 **ACCOUNT.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 223(b)(5) of the Internal
5 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

6 “(5) SPECIAL RULE FOR MARRIED INDIVIDUALS
7 WITH FAMILY COVERAGE.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of individ-
9 uals who are married to each other, if both
10 spouses are eligible individuals and either
11 spouse has family coverage under a high de-
12 ductible health plan as of the first day of any
13 month—

14 “(i) the limitation under paragraph
15 (1) shall be applied by not taking into ac-
16 count any other high deductible health
17 plan coverage of either spouse (and if such
18 spouses both have family coverage under
19 separate high deductible health plans, only
20 one such coverage shall be taken into ac-
21 count),

22 “(ii) such limitation (after application
23 of clause (i)) shall be reduced by the ag-
24 gregate amount paid to Archer MSAs of
25 such spouses for the taxable year, and

1 “(iii) such limitation (after application
2 of clauses (i) and (ii)) shall be divided
3 equally between such spouses unless they
4 agree on a different division.

5 “(B) TREATMENT OF ADDITIONAL CON-
6 TRIBUTION AMOUNTS.—If both spouses referred
7 to in subparagraph (A) have attained age 55
8 before the close of the taxable year, the limita-
9 tion referred to in subparagraph (A)(iii) which
10 is subject to division between the spouses shall
11 include the additional contribution amounts de-
12 termined under paragraph (3) for both spouses.
13 In any other case, any additional contribution
14 amount determined under paragraph (3) shall
15 not be taken into account under subparagraph
16 (A)(iii) and shall not be subject to division be-
17 tween the spouses.”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
19 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
20 December 31, 2017.

1 **SEC. 121. SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN MEDICAL EXPENSES**
2 **INCURRED BEFORE ESTABLISHMENT OF**
3 **HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 223(d)(2) of the Internal
5 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end
6 the following new subparagraph:

7 “(D) **TREATMENT OF CERTAIN MEDICAL**
8 **EXPENSES INCURRED BEFORE ESTABLISHMENT**
9 **OF ACCOUNT.**—If a health savings account is
10 established during the 60-day period beginning
11 on the date that coverage of the account bene-
12 ficiary under a high deductible health plan be-
13 gins, then, solely for purposes of determining
14 whether an amount paid is used for a qualified
15 medical expense, such account shall be treated
16 as having been established on the date that
17 such coverage begins.”.

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
19 this subsection shall apply with respect to coverage under
20 a high deductible health plan beginning after December
21 31, 2017.

1 **SEC. 122. EXCLUSION FROM HSAS OF HIGH DEDUCTIBLE**
2 **HEALTH PLANS INCLUDING COVERAGE FOR**
3 **ABORTION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (C) of section
5 223(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-
6 ed by adding at the end the following flush sentence:

7 “A high deductible health plan shall not be
8 treated as described in clause (v) if such plan
9 includes coverage for abortions (other than any
10 abortion necessary to save the life of the mother
11 or any abortion with respect to a pregnancy
12 that is the result of an act of rape or incest).”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
14 this section shall apply with respect to coverage under a
15 high deductible health plan beginning after December 31,
16 2017.

17 **SEC. 123. FEDERAL PAYMENTS TO STATES.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 504(a),
19 1902(a)(23), 1903(a), 2002, 2005(a)(4), 2102(a)(7), or
20 2105(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 704(a),
21 1396a(a)(23), 1396b(a), 1397a, 1397d(a)(4),
22 1397bb(a)(7), 1397ee(a)(1)), or the terms of any Med-
23 icaid waiver in effect on the date of enactment of this Act
24 that is approved under section 1115 or 1915 of the Social
25 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315, 1396n), for the 1-year pe-
26 riod beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, no

1 Federal funds provided from a program referred to in this
2 subsection that is considered direct spending for any year
3 may be made available to a State for payments to a pro-
4 hibited entity, whether made directly to the prohibited en-
5 tity or through a managed care organization under con-
6 tract with the State.

7 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

8 (1) PROHIBITED ENTITY.—The term “prohib-
9 ited entity” means an entity, including its affiliates,
10 subsidiaries, successors, and clinics—

11 (A) that, as of the date of enactment of
12 this Act—

13 (i) is an organization described in sec-
14 tion 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
15 Code of 1986 and exempt from tax under
16 section 501(a) of such Code;

17 (ii) is an essential community provider
18 described in section 156.235 of title 45,
19 Code of Federal Regulations (as in effect
20 on the date of enactment of this Act), that
21 is primarily engaged in family planning
22 services, reproductive health, and related
23 medical care; and

24 (iii) provides for abortions, other than
25 an abortion—

1 (I) if the pregnancy is the result
2 of an act of rape or incest; or

3 (II) in the case where a woman
4 suffers from a physical disorder, phys-
5 ical injury, or physical illness that
6 would, as certified by a physician,
7 place the woman in danger of death
8 unless an abortion is performed, in-
9 cluding a life-endangering physical
10 condition caused by or arising from
11 the pregnancy itself; and

12 (B) for which the total amount of Federal
13 and State expenditures under the Medicaid pro-
14 gram under title XIX of the Social Security Act
15 in fiscal year 2014 made directly to the entity
16 and to any affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, or
17 clinics of the entity, or made to the entity and
18 to any affiliates, subsidiaries, successors, or
19 clinics of the entity as part of a nationwide
20 health care provider network, exceeded
21 \$350,000,000.

22 (2) DIRECT SPENDING.—The term “direct
23 spending” has the meaning given that term under
24 section 250(c) of the Balanced Budget and Emer-
25 gency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 900(c)).

1 **SEC. 124. MEDICAID PROVISIONS.**

2 The Social Security Act is amended—

3 (1) in section 1902(a)(47)(B) (42 U.S.C.
4 1396a(a)(47)(B)), by inserting “and provided that
5 any such election shall cease to be effective on Janu-
6 ary 1, 2020, and no such election shall be made
7 after that date” before the semicolon at the end;

8 (2) in section 1915(k)(2) (42 U.S.C.
9 1396n(k)(2)), by striking “during the period de-
10 scribed in paragraph (1)” and inserting “on or after
11 the date referred to in paragraph (1) and before
12 January 1, 2020”; and

13 (3) in section 1920(e) (42 U.S.C. 1396r-1(e)),
14 by striking “under clause (i)(VIII), clause (i)(IX), or
15 clause (ii)(XX) of subsection (a)(10)(A)” and insert-
16 ing “under clause (i)(VIII) or clause (ii)(XX) of sec-
17 tion 1902(a)(10)(A) before January 1, 2020, section
18 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX),”.

19 **SEC. 125. MEDICAID EXPANSION.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XIX of the Social Security
21 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) is amended—

22 (1) in section 1902 (42 U.S.C. 1396a)—

23 (A) in subsection (a)(10)(A)—

24 (i) in clause (i)(VIII), by inserting
25 “and ending December 31, 2019,” after
26 “2014,”; and

1 (ii) in clause (ii), in subclause (XX),
2 by inserting “and ending December 31,
3 2017,” after “2014,” and by adding at
4 the end the following new subclause:

5 “(XXIII) beginning January 1, 2020,
6 who are expansion enrollees (as defined in
7 subsection (nn)(1));” and

8 (B) by adding at the end the following new
9 subsection:

10 “(nn) EXPANSION ENROLLEES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this title, the term ‘ex-
12 pansion enrollee’ means an individual—

13 “(A) who is under 65 years of age;

14 “(B) who is not pregnant;

15 “(C) who is not entitled to, or enrolled for,
16 benefits under part A of title XVIII, or enrolled
17 for benefits under part B of title XVIII;

18 “(D) who is not described in any of sub-
19 clauses (I) through (VII) of subsection
20 (a)(10)(A)(i); and

21 “(E) whose income (as determined under
22 subsection (e)(14)) does not exceed 133 percent
23 of the poverty line (as defined in section
24 2110(c)(5)) applicable to a family of the size in-
25 volved.

1 “(2) APPLICATION OF RELATED PROVISIONS.—
2 Any reference in subsection (a)(10)(G), (k), or (gg)
3 of this section or in section 1903, 1905(a), 1920(e),
4 or 1937(a)(1)(B) to individuals described in sub-
5 clause (VIII) of subsection (a)(10)(A)(i) shall be
6 deemed to include a reference to expansion enroll-
7 ees.”; and

8 (2) in section 1905 (42 U.S.C. 1396d)—

9 (A) in subsection (y)(1)—

10 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
11 graph (A), by striking “, with respect to”
12 and all that follows through “shall be equal
13 to” and inserting “and that has elected to
14 cover newly eligible individuals before
15 March 1, 2017, with respect to amounts
16 expended by such State before January 1,
17 2020, for medical assistance for newly eli-
18 gible individuals described in subclause
19 (VIII) of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i), and,
20 with respect to amounts expended by such
21 State after December 31, 2019, and before
22 January 1, 2024, for medical assistance
23 for expansion enrollees (as defined in sec-
24 tion 1902(m)(1)), shall be equal to the
25 higher of the percentage otherwise deter-

1 mined for the State and year under sub-
2 section (b) (without regard to this sub-
3 section) and”;

4 (ii) in subparagraph (D), by striking
5 “and” after the semicolon;

6 (iii) by striking subparagraph (E) and
7 inserting the following new subparagraphs:

8 “(E) 90 percent for calendar quarters in
9 2020;

10 “(F) 85 percent for calendar quarters in
11 2021;

12 “(G) 80 percent for calendar quarters in
13 2022; and

14 “(H) 75 percent for calendar quarters in
15 2023.”; and

16 (iv) by adding after and below sub-
17 paragraph (H) (as added by clause (iii)),
18 the following flush sentence:

19 “The Federal medical assistance percentage deter-
20 mined for a State and year under subsection (b)
21 shall apply to expenditures for medical assistance to
22 newly eligible individuals (as so described) and ex-
23 pansion enrollees (as so defined), in the case of a
24 State that has elected to cover newly eligible individ-
25 uals before March 1, 2017, for calendar quarters

1 after 2023, and, in the case of any other State, for
2 calendar quarters (or portions of calendar quarters)
3 after February 28, 2017.”; and

4 (B) in subsection (z)(2)—

5 (i) in subparagraph (A)—

6 (I) by inserting “through 2023”
7 after “each year thereafter”; and

8 (II) by striking “shall be equal
9 to” and inserting “and, for periods
10 after December 31, 2019 and before
11 January 1, 2024, who are expansion
12 enrollees (as defined in section
13 1902(nn)(1)) shall be equal to the
14 higher of the percentage otherwise de-
15 termined for the State and year under
16 subsection (b) (without regard to this
17 subsection) and”; and

18 (ii) in subparagraph (B)(ii)—

19 (I) in subclause (III), by adding
20 “and” at the end; and

21 (II) by striking subclauses (IV),
22 (V), and (VI) and inserting the fol-
23 lowing new subclause:

24 “(IV) 2017 and each subsequent year
25 through 2023 is 80 percent.”.

1 (b) SUNSET OF MEDICAID ESSENTIAL HEALTH BEN-
2 EFITS REQUIREMENT.—Section 1937(b)(5) of the Social
3 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u–7(b)(5)) is amended by
4 adding at the end the following: “This paragraph shall not
5 apply after December 31, 2019.”.

6 **SEC. 126. RESTORING FAIRNESS IN DSH ALLOTMENTS.**

7 Section 1923(f)(7) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1396r–4(f)(7)) is amended by adding at the end
9 the following new subparagraph:

10 “(C) NON-EXPANSION STATES.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
12 State that is a non-expansion State for a
13 fiscal year—

14 “(I) subparagraph (A) shall not
15 apply to the DSH allotment for such
16 State and fiscal year; and

17 “(II) the DSH allotment for the
18 State for fiscal year 2020 (including
19 for a non-expansion State that has a
20 DSH allotment determined under
21 paragraph (6)) shall be increased by
22 the amount calculated according to
23 clause (iii).

24 “(ii) NO CHANGE IN REDUCTION FOR
25 EXPANSION STATES.—In the case of a

1 State that is an expansion State for a fis-
2 cal year, the DSH allotment for such State
3 and fiscal year shall be determined as if
4 clause (i) did not apply.

5 “(iii) AMOUNT CALCULATED.—For
6 purposes of clause (i)(II), the amount cal-
7 culated according to this clause for a non-
8 expansion State is the following:

9 “(I) For each State, the Sec-
10 retary shall calculate a ratio equal to
11 the State’s fiscal year 2016 DSH al-
12 lotment divided by the number of un-
13 insured individuals in the State for
14 such fiscal year (determined on the
15 basis of the most recent information
16 available from the Bureau of the Cen-
17 sus).

18 “(II) The Secretary shall identify
19 the States whose ratio as so deter-
20 mined is below the national average of
21 such ratio for all States.

22 “(III) The amount calculated
23 pursuant to this clause is an amount
24 that, if added to the State’s fiscal
25 year 2016 DSH allotment, would in-

1 crease the ratio calculated pursuant to
2 subclause (I) up to the national aver-
3 age for all States.

4 “(iv) DISREGARD OF INCREASE.—The
5 DSH allotment for a non-expansion State
6 for the second, third, and fourth quarters
7 of fiscal year 2024 and fiscal years there-
8 after shall be determined as if there had
9 been no increase in the State’s DSH allot-
10 ment for fiscal year 2020 under clause
11 (i)(II).

12 “(v) NON-EXPANSION AND EXPANSION
13 STATE DEFINED.—In this subparagraph:

14 “(I) The term ‘expansion State’
15 means with respect to a fiscal year, a
16 State that, on or after January 1,
17 2021, provides eligibility under clause
18 (i)(VIII) or (ii)(XX) of section
19 1902(a)(10)(A) for medical assistance
20 under this title (or provides eligibility
21 for individuals described in either
22 such clause under a waiver of the
23 State plan approved under section
24 1115).

1 “(II) The term ‘non-expansion
2 State’ means, with respect to a fiscal
3 year, a State that is not an expansion
4 State, except that, in the case of a
5 State that provides eligibility under
6 clause (i)(VIII) or (ii)(XX) of section
7 1902(a)(10)(A) for medical assistance
8 under this title (or provides eligibility
9 for individuals described in either
10 such clause under a waiver of the
11 State plan approved under section
12 1115) for any quarter occurring dur-
13 ing the period that begins on October
14 1, 2017, and ends on December 31,
15 2020, the State shall be treated as a
16 non-expansion State for purposes of
17 clause (i) only for quarters beginning
18 on or after the first day of the first
19 month for which the State no longer
20 provides such eligibility.”.

21 **SEC. 127. REDUCING STATE MEDICAID COSTS.**

22 (a) IN GENERAL.—

23 (1) STATE PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—Section
24 1902(a)(34) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
25 1396a(a)(34)) is amended by striking “in or after

1 the third month” and all that follows through “indi-
2 vidual)” and inserting “in or after the month in
3 which the individual (or, in the case of a deceased
4 individual, another individual acting on the individ-
5 ual’s behalf) made application (or, in the case of an
6 individual who is 65 years of age or older or who is
7 eligible for medical assistance under the plan on the
8 basis of being blind or disabled, in or after the third
9 month before such month)”.

10 (2) DEFINITION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.—

11 Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amended by striking “in or
13 after the third month before the month in which the
14 recipient makes application for assistance” and in-
15 serting “in or after the month in which the recipient
16 makes application for assistance, or, in the case of
17 a recipient who is 65 years of age or older or who
18 is eligible for medical assistance on the basis of
19 being blind or disabled at the time application is
20 made, in or after the third month before the month
21 in which the recipient makes application for assist-
22 ance,”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 subsection (a) shall apply to medical assistance with re-
25 spect to individuals whose eligibility for such assistance

1 is based on an application for such assistance made (or
2 deemed to be made) on or after October 1, 2017.

3 **SEC. 128. PROVIDING SAFETY NET FUNDING FOR NON-EX-**
4 **PANSION STATES.**

5 Title XIX of the Social Security Act is amended by
6 inserting after section 1923 (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4) the fol-
7 lowing new section:

8 “ADJUSTMENT IN PAYMENT FOR SERVICES OF SAFETY
9 NET PROVIDERS IN NON-EXPANSION STATES

10 “SEC. 1923A. (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the limi-
11 tations of this section, for each year during the period be-
12 ginning with fiscal year 2018 and ending with fiscal year
13 2022, each State that is one of the 50 States or the Dis-
14 trict of Columbia and that, as of July 1 of the preceding
15 fiscal year, did not provide for eligibility under clause
16 (i)(VIII) or (ii)(XX) of section 1902(a)(10)(A) for medical
17 assistance under this title (or a waiver of the State plan
18 approved under section 1115) (each such State or District
19 referred to in this section for the fiscal year as a ‘non-
20 expansion State’) may adjust the payment amounts other-
21 wise provided under the State plan under this title (or a
22 waiver of such plan) to health care providers that provide
23 health care services to individuals enrolled under this title
24 (in this section referred to as ‘eligible providers’) so long
25 as the payment adjustment to such an eligible provider
26 does not exceed the provider’s costs in furnishing health

1 care services (as determined by the Secretary and net of
2 payments under this title, other than under this section,
3 and by uninsured patients) to individuals who either are
4 eligible for medical assistance under the State plan (or
5 under a waiver of such plan) or have no health insurance
6 or health plan coverage for such services.

7 “(b) INCREASE IN APPLICABLE FMAP.—Notwith-
8 standing section 1905(b), the Federal medical assistance
9 percentage applicable with respect to expenditures attrib-
10 utable to a payment adjustment under subsection (a) for
11 which payment is permitted under subsection (c) shall be
12 equal to—

13 “(1) 100 percent for calendar quarters in fiscal
14 years 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021; and

15 “(2) 95 percent for calendar quarters in fiscal
16 year 2022.

17 “(c) ANNUAL ALLOTMENT LIMITATION.—Payment
18 under section 1903(a) shall not be made to a State with
19 respect to any payment adjustment made under this sec-
20 tion for all calendar quarters in a fiscal year in excess
21 of the product of \$2,000,000,000 multiplied by the ratio
22 of—

23 “(1) the population of the State with income
24 below 138 percent of the poverty line in 2015 (as de-
25 termined based the table entitled ‘Health Insurance

1 Coverage Status and Type by Ratio of Income to
2 Poverty Level in the Past 12 Months by Age’ for the
3 universe of the civilian noninstitutionalized popu-
4 lation for whom poverty status is determined based
5 on the 2015 American Community Survey 1–Year
6 Estimates, as published by the Bureau of the Cen-
7 sus), to

8 “(2) the sum of the populations under para-
9 graph (1) for all non-expansion States.

10 “(d) DISQUALIFICATION IN CASE OF STATE COV-
11 ERAGE EXPANSION.—If a State is a non-expansion for a
12 fiscal year and provides eligibility for medical assistance
13 described in subsection (a) during the fiscal year, the
14 State shall no longer be treated as a non-expansion State
15 under this section for any subsequent fiscal years.”.

16 **SEC. 129. ELIGIBILITY REDETERMINATIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(e)(14) of the Social
18 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(14)) (relating to modi-
19 fied adjusted gross income) is amended by adding at the
20 end the following:

21 “(J) FREQUENCY OF ELIGIBILITY REDE-
22 TERMINATIONS.—Beginning on October 1,
23 2017, and notwithstanding subparagraph (H),
24 in the case of an individual whose eligibility for
25 medical assistance under the State plan under

1 this title (or a waiver of such plan) is deter-
2 mined based on the application of modified ad-
3 justed gross income under subparagraph (A)
4 and who is so eligible on the basis of clause
5 (i)(VIII), (ii)(XX), or (ii)(XXIII) of subsection
6 (a)(10)(A), at the option of the State, the State
7 plan may provide that the individual’s eligibility
8 shall be redetermined every 6 months (or such
9 shorter number of months as the State may
10 elect).”.

11 (b) INCREASED ADMINISTRATIVE MATCHING PER-
12 CENTAGE.—For each calendar quarter during the period
13 beginning on October 1, 2017, and ending on December
14 31, 2019, the Federal matching percentage otherwise ap-
15 plicable under section 1903(a) of the Social Security Act
16 (42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)) with respect to State expenditures
17 during such quarter that are attributable to meeting the
18 requirement of section 1902(e)(14) (relating to determina-
19 tions of eligibility using modified adjusted gross income)
20 of such Act shall be increased by 5 percentage points with
21 respect to State expenditures attributable to activities car-
22 ried out by the State (and approved by the Secretary) to
23 exercise the option described in subparagraph (J) of such
24 section (relating to eligibility redeterminations made on a

1 6-month or shorter basis) (as added by subsection (a)) to
2 increase the frequency of eligibility redeterminations.

3 **SEC. 130. OPTIONAL WORK REQUIREMENT FOR NON-**
4 **DISABLED, NONELDERLY, NONPREGNANT IN-**
5 **DIVIDUALS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902 of the Social Secu-
7 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a), as previously amended, is fur-
8 ther amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 section:

10 “(oo) OPTIONAL WORK REQUIREMENT FOR NON-
11 DISABLED, NONELDERLY, NONPREGNANT INDIVID-
12 UALS.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning October 1,
14 2017, subject to paragraph (3), a State may elect to
15 condition medical assistance to a nondisabled, non-
16 elderly, nonpregnant individual under this title upon
17 such an individual’s satisfaction of a work require-
18 ment (as defined in paragraph (2)).

19 “(2) WORK REQUIREMENT DEFINED.—In this
20 section, the term ‘work requirement’ means, with re-
21 spect to an individual, the individual’s participation
22 in work activities (as defined in section 407(d)) for
23 such period of time as determined by the State, and
24 as directed and administered by the State.

1 “(3) REQUIRED EXCEPTIONS.—States admin-
2 istering a work requirement under this subsection
3 may not apply such requirement to—

4 “(A) a woman during pregnancy through
5 the end of the month in which the 60-day pe-
6 riod (beginning on the last day of her preg-
7 nancy) ends;

8 “(B) an individual who is under 19 years
9 of age;

10 “(C) an individual who is the only parent
11 or caretaker relative in the family of a child
12 who has not attained 6 years of age or who is
13 the only parent or caretaker of a child with dis-
14 abilities; or

15 “(D) an individual who is married or a
16 head of household and has not attained 20
17 years of age and who—

18 “(i) maintains satisfactory attendance
19 at secondary school or the equivalent; or

20 “(ii) participates in education directly
21 related to employment.”.

22 (b) INCREASE IN MATCHING RATE FOR IMPLEMEN-
23 TATION.—Section 1903 of the Social Security Act (42
24 U.S.C. 1396b) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
25 lowing:

1 “(aa) The Federal matching percentage otherwise ap-
2 plicable under subsection (a) with respect to State admin-
3 istrative expenditures during a calendar quarter for which
4 the State receives payment under such subsection shall,
5 in addition to any other increase to such Federal matching
6 percentage, be increased for such calendar quarter by 5
7 percentage points with respect to State expenditures at-
8 tributable to activities carried out by the State (and ap-
9 proved by the Secretary) to implement subsection (oo) of
10 section 1902.”.

11 **SEC. 131. PROVIDER TAXES.**

12 Section 1903(w)(4)(C) of the Social Security Act (42
13 U.S.C. 1396b(w)(4)(C)) is amended by adding at the end
14 the following new clause:

15 “(iii) For purposes of clause (i), a de-
16 termination of the existence of an indirect
17 guarantee shall be made under paragraph
18 (3)(i) of section 433.68(f) of title 42, Code
19 of Federal Regulations, as in effect on
20 June 1, 2017, except that—

21 “(I) for fiscal year 2021, ‘5.8
22 percent’ shall be substituted for ‘6
23 percent’ each place it appears;

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1 “(II) for fiscal year 2022, ‘5.6
2 percent’ shall be substituted for ‘6
3 percent’ each place it appears;

4 “(III) for fiscal year 2023, ‘5.4
5 percent’ shall be substituted for ‘6
6 percent’ each place it appears;

7 “(IV) for fiscal year 2024, ‘5.2
8 percent’ shall be substituted for ‘6
9 percent’ each place it appears; and

10 “(V) for fiscal year 2025 and
11 each subsequent fiscal year, ‘5 per-
12 cent’ shall be substituted for ‘6 per-
13 cent’ each place it appears.”.

14 **SEC. 132. PER CAPITA ALLOTMENT FOR MEDICAL ASSIST-**
15 **ANCE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XIX of the Social Security
17 Act is amended—

18 (1) in section 1903 (42 U.S.C. 1396b)—

19 (A) in subsection (a), in the matter before
20 paragraph (1), by inserting “and section
21 1903A(a)” after “except as otherwise provided
22 in this section”; and

23 (B) in subsection (d)(1), by striking “to
24 which” and inserting “to which, subject to sec-
25 tion 1903A(a),”; and

1 (2) by inserting after such section 1903 the fol-
2 lowing new section:

3 **“SEC. 1903A. PER CAPITA-BASED CAP ON PAYMENTS FOR**
4 **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.**

5 “(a) APPLICATION OF PER CAPITA CAP ON PAY-
6 MENTS FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If a State which is one of
8 the 50 States or the District of Columbia has excess
9 aggregate medical assistance expenditures (as de-
10 fined in paragraph (2)) for a fiscal year (beginning
11 with fiscal year 2020), the amount of payment to
12 the State under section 1903(a)(1) for each quarter
13 in the following fiscal year shall be reduced by $\frac{1}{4}$ of
14 the excess aggregate medical assistance payments
15 (as defined in paragraph (3)) for that previous fiscal
16 year. In this section, the term ‘State’ means only the
17 50 States and the District of Columbia.

18 “(2) EXCESS AGGREGATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
19 EXPENDITURES.—In this subsection, the term ‘ex-
20 cess aggregate medical assistance expenditures’
21 means, for a State for a fiscal year, the amount (if
22 any) by which—

23 “(A) the amount of the adjusted total med-
24 ical assistance expenditures (as defined in sub-

1 section (b)(1)) for the State and fiscal year; ex-
2 ceeds

3 “(B) the amount of the target total med-
4 ical assistance expenditures (as defined in sub-
5 section (c)) for the State and fiscal year.

6 “(3) EXCESS AGGREGATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
7 PAYMENTS.—In this subsection, the term ‘excess ag-
8 gregate medical assistance payments’ means, for a
9 State for a fiscal year, the product of—

10 “(A) the excess aggregate medical assist-
11 ance expenditures (as defined in paragraph (2))
12 for the State for the fiscal year; and

13 “(B) the Federal average medical assist-
14 ance matching percentage (as defined in para-
15 graph (4)) for the State for the fiscal year.

16 “(4) FEDERAL AVERAGE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
17 MATCHING PERCENTAGE.—In this subsection, the
18 term ‘Federal average medical assistance matching
19 percentage’ means, for a State for a fiscal year, the
20 ratio (expressed as a percentage) of—

21 “(A) the amount of the Federal payments
22 that would be made to the State under section
23 1903(a)(1) for medical assistance expenditures
24 for calendar quarters in the fiscal year if para-
25 graph (1) did not apply; to

1 “(B) the amount of the medical assistance
2 expenditures for the State and fiscal year.

3 “(5) PER CAPITA BASE PERIOD.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the
5 term ‘per capita base period’ means, with re-
6 spect to a State, a period of 8 (or, in the case
7 of a State selecting a period under subpara-
8 graph (D), not less than 4) consecutive fiscal
9 quarters selected by the State.

10 “(B) TIMELINE.—Each State shall submit
11 its selection of a per capita base period to the
12 Secretary not later than January 1, 2018.

13 “(C) PARAMETERS.—In selecting a per
14 capita base period under this paragraph, a
15 State shall—

16 “(i) only select a period of 8 (or, in
17 the case of a State selecting a base period
18 under subparagraph (D), not less than 4)
19 consecutive fiscal quarters for which all the
20 data necessary to make determinations re-
21 quired under this section is available, as
22 determined by the Secretary; and

23 “(ii) shall not select any period of 8
24 (or, in the case of a State selecting a base
25 period under subparagraph (D), not less

1 than 4) consecutive fiscal quarters that be-
2 gins with a fiscal quarter earlier than the
3 first quarter of fiscal year 2014 or ends
4 with a fiscal quarter later than the third
5 fiscal quarter of 2017.

6 “(D) BASE PERIOD FOR LATE-EXPANDING
7 STATES.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
9 State that did not provide for medical as-
10 sistance for the 1903A enrollee category
11 described in subsection (e)(2)(D) as of the
12 first day of the fourth fiscal quarter of fis-
13 cal year 2015 but which provided for such
14 assistance for such category in a subse-
15 quent fiscal quarter that is not later than
16 the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2016, the
17 State may select a per capita base period
18 that is less than 8 consecutive fiscal quar-
19 ters, but in no case shall the period se-
20 lected be less than 4 consecutive fiscal
21 quarters.

22 “(ii) APPLICATION OF OTHER RE-
23 QUIREMENTS.—Except for the requirement
24 that a per capita base period be a period
25 of 8 consecutive fiscal quarters, all other

1 requirements of this paragraph shall apply
2 to a per capita base period selected under
3 this subparagraph.

4 “(iii) APPLICATION OF BASE PERIOD
5 ADJUSTMENTS.—The adjustments to
6 amounts for per capita base periods re-
7 quired under subsections (b)(5) and
8 (d)(4)(E) shall be applied to amounts for
9 per capita base periods selected under this
10 subparagraph by substituting ‘divided by
11 the ratio that the number of quarters in
12 the base period bears to 4’ for ‘divided by
13 2’.

14 “(E) ADJUSTMENT BY THE SECRETARY.—
15 If the Secretary determines that a State took
16 actions after the date of enactment of this sec-
17 tion (including making retroactive adjustments
18 to supplemental payment data in a manner that
19 affects a fiscal quarter in the per capita base
20 period) to diminish the quality of the data from
21 the per capita base period used to make deter-
22 minations under this section, the Secretary may
23 adjust the data as the Secretary deems appro-
24 priate.

1 “(b) ADJUSTED TOTAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EX-
2 PENDING.—Subject to subsection (g), the following
3 shall apply:

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
5 ‘adjusted total medical assistance expenditures’
6 means, for a State—

7 “(A) for the State’s per capita base period
8 (as defined in subsection (a)(5)), the product
9 of—

10 “(i) the amount of the medical assist-
11 ance expenditures (as defined in paragraph
12 (2) and adjusted under paragraph (5)) for
13 the State and period, reduced by the
14 amount of any excluded expenditures (as
15 defined in paragraph (3) and adjusted
16 under paragraph (5)) for the State and pe-
17 riod otherwise included in such medical as-
18 sistance expenditures; and

19 “(ii) the 1903A base period popu-
20 lation percentage (as defined in paragraph
21 (4)) for the State; or

22 “(B) for fiscal year 2019 or a subsequent
23 fiscal year, the amount of the medical assist-
24 ance expenditures (as defined in paragraph (2))
25 for the State and fiscal year that is attributable

1 to 1903A enrollees, reduced by the amount of
2 any excluded expenditures (as defined in para-
3 graph (3)) for the State and fiscal year other-
4 wise included in such medical assistance ex-
5 penditures and includes non-DSH supplemental
6 payments (as defined in subsection
7 (d)(4)(A)(ii)) and payments described in sub-
8 section (d)(4)(A)(iii) but shall not be construed
9 as including any expenditures attributable to
10 the program under section 1928 (relating to
11 State pediatric vaccine distribution programs).
12 In applying subparagraph (B), non-DSH sup-
13 plemental payments (as defined in subsection
14 (d)(4)(A)(ii)) and payments described in sub-
15 section (d)(4)(A)(iii) shall be treated as fully at-
16 tributable to 1903A enrollees.

17 “(2) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES.—

18 In this section, the term ‘medical assistance expendi-
19 tures’ means, for a State and fiscal year or per cap-
20 ita base period, the medical assistance payments as
21 reported by medical service category on the Form
22 CMS-64 quarterly expense report (or successor to
23 such a report form, and including enrollment data
24 and subsequent adjustments to any such report, in
25 this section referred to collectively as a ‘CMS-64 re-

1 port') for quarters in the year or base period for
2 which payment is (or may otherwise be) made pur-
3 suant to section 1903(a)(1), adjusted, in the case of
4 a per capita base period, under paragraph (5).

5 “(3) EXCLUDED EXPENDITURES.—In this sec-
6 tion, the term ‘excluded expenditures’ means, for a
7 State and fiscal year or per capita base period, ex-
8 penditures under the State plan (or under a waiver
9 of such plan) that are attributable to any of the fol-
10 lowing:

11 “(A) DSH.—Payment adjustments made
12 for disproportionate share hospitals under sec-
13 tion 1923.

14 “(B) MEDICARE COST-SHARING.—Pay-
15 ments made for medicare cost-sharing (as de-
16 fined in section 1905(p)(3)).

17 “(C) SAFETY NET PROVIDER PAYMENT AD-
18 JUSTMENTS IN NON-EXPANSION STATES.—Pay-
19 ment adjustments under subsection (a) of sec-
20 tion 1923A for which payment is permitted
21 under subsection (c) of such section.

22 “(D) EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC HEALTH
23 EMERGENCIES.—Any expenditures that are sub-
24 ject to a public health emergency exclusion
25 under paragraph (6).

1 “(4) 1903A BASE PERIOD POPULATION PER-
2 CENTAGE.—In this subsection, the term ‘1903A base
3 period population percentage’ means, for a State,
4 the Secretary’s calculation of the percentage of the
5 actual medical assistance expenditures, as reported
6 by the State on the CMS–64 reports for calendar
7 quarters in the State’s per capita base period, that
8 are attributable to 1903A enrollees (as defined in
9 subsection (e)(1)).

10 “(5) ADJUSTMENTS FOR PER CAPITA BASE PE-
11 RIOD.—In calculating medical assistance expendi-
12 tures under paragraph (2) and excluded expendi-
13 tures under paragraph (3) for a State for the State’s
14 per capita base period, the total amount of each type
15 of expenditure for the State and base period shall be
16 divided by 2.

17 “(6) AUTHORITY TO EXCLUDE STATE EXPENDI-
18 TURES FROM CAPS DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMER-
19 GENCY.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—During the period
21 that begins on January 1, 2020, and ends on
22 December 31, 2024, the Secretary may exclude,
23 from a State’s medical assistance expenditures
24 for a fiscal year or portion of a fiscal year that
25 occurs during such period, an amount that shall

1 not exceed the amount determined under sub-
2 paragraph (B) for the State and year or portion
3 of a year if—

4 “(i) a public health emergency de-
5 clared by the Secretary pursuant to section
6 319 of the Public Health Service Act ex-
7 isted within the State during such year or
8 portion of a year; and

9 “(ii) the Secretary determines that
10 such an exemption would be appropriate.

11 “(B) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ADJUST-
12 MENT.—The amount excluded for a State and
13 fiscal year or portion of a fiscal year under this
14 paragraph shall not exceed the amount by
15 which—

16 “(i) the amount of State expenditures
17 for medical assistance for 1903A enrollees
18 in areas of the State which are subject to
19 a declaration described in subparagraph
20 (A)(i) for the fiscal year or portion of a fis-
21 cal year; exceeds

22 “(ii) the amount of such expenditures
23 for such enrollees in such areas during the
24 most recent fiscal year or portion of a fis-
25 cal year of equal length to the portion of

1 a fiscal year involved during which no such
2 declaration was in effect.

3 “(C) AGGREGATE LIMITATION ON EXCLU-
4 SIONS AND ADDITIONAL BLOCK GRANT PAY-
5 MENTS.—The aggregate amount of expendi-
6 tures excluded under this paragraph and addi-
7 tional payments made under section
8 1903B(c)(3)(E) for the period described in sub-
9 paragraph (A) shall not exceed \$5,000,000,000.

10 “(D) REVIEW.—If the Secretary exercises
11 the authority under this paragraph with respect
12 to a State for a fiscal year or portion of a fiscal
13 year, the Secretary shall, not later than 6
14 months after the declaration described in sub-
15 paragraph (A)(i) ceases to be in effect, conduct
16 an audit of the State’s medical assistance ex-
17 penditures for 1903A enrollees during the year
18 or portion of a year to ensure that all of the ex-
19 penditures so excluded were made for the pur-
20 pose of ensuring that the health care needs of
21 1903A enrollees in areas affected by a public
22 health emergency are met.

23 “(c) TARGET TOTAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EXPEND-
24 ITURES.—

1 “(1) CALCULATION.—In this section, the term
2 ‘target total medical assistance expenditures’ means,
3 for a State for a fiscal year and subject to para-
4 graph (4), the sum of the products, for each of the
5 1903A enrollee categories (as defined in subsection
6 (e)(2)), of—

7 “(A) the target per capita medical assist-
8 ance expenditures (as defined in paragraph (2))
9 for the enrollee category, State, and fiscal year;
10 and

11 “(B) the number of 1903A enrollees for
12 such enrollee category, State, and fiscal year, as
13 determined under subsection (e)(4).

14 “(2) TARGET PER CAPITA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
15 EXPENDITURES.—In this subsection, the term ‘tar-
16 get per capita medical assistance expenditures’
17 means, for a 1903A enrollee category and State—

18 “(A) for fiscal year 2020, an amount equal
19 to—

20 “(i) the provisional FY19 target per
21 capita amount for such enrollee category
22 (as calculated under subsection (d)(5)) for
23 the State; increased by

1 “(ii) the applicable annual inflation
2 factor (as defined in paragraph (3)) for
3 fiscal year 2020; and

4 “(B) for each succeeding fiscal year, an
5 amount equal to—

6 “(i) the target per capita medical as-
7 sistance expenditures (under subparagraph
8 (A) or this subparagraph) for the 1903A
9 enrollee category and State for the pre-
10 ceding fiscal year; increased by

11 “(ii) the applicable annual inflation
12 factor for that succeeding fiscal year.

13 “(3) APPLICABLE ANNUAL INFLATION FAC-
14 TOR.—In paragraph (2), the term ‘applicable annual
15 inflation factor’ means—

16 “(A) for fiscal years before 2025—

17 “(i) for each of the 1903A enrollee
18 categories described in subparagraphs (C),
19 (D), and (E) of subsection (e)(2), the per-
20 centage increase in the medical care com-
21 ponent of the consumer price index for all
22 urban consumers (U.S. city average) from
23 September of the previous fiscal year to
24 September of the fiscal year involved; and

1 “(ii) for each of the 1903A enrollee
2 categories described in subparagraphs (A)
3 and (B) of subsection (e)(2), the percent-
4 age increase described in clause (i) plus 1
5 percentage point; and

6 “(B) for fiscal years after 2024, for all
7 1903A enrollee categories, the percentage in-
8 crease in the consumer price index for all urban
9 consumers (U.S. city average) from September
10 of the previous fiscal year to September of the
11 fiscal year involved.

12 “(4) DECREASE IN TARGET EXPENDITURES
13 FOR REQUIRED EXPENDITURES BY CERTAIN POLIT-
14 ICAL SUBDIVISIONS.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a State
16 that had a DSH allotment under section
17 1923(f) for fiscal year 2016 that was more than
18 6 times the national average of such allotments
19 for all the States for such fiscal year and that
20 requires political subdivisions within the State
21 to contribute funds towards medical assistance
22 or other expenditures under the State plan
23 under this title (or under a waiver of such plan)
24 for a fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year
25 2020), the target total medical assistance ex-

1 penditures for such State and fiscal year shall
2 be decreased by the amount that political sub-
3 divisions in the State are required to contribute
4 under the plan (or waiver) without reimburse-
5 ment from the State for such fiscal year, other
6 than contributions described in subparagraph
7 (B).

8 “(B) EXCEPTIONS.—The contributions de-
9 scribed in this subparagraph are the following:

10 “(i) Contributions required by a State
11 from a political subdivision that, as of the
12 first day of the calendar year in which the
13 fiscal year involved begins—

14 “(I) has a population of more
15 than 5,000,000, as estimated by the
16 Bureau of the Census; and

17 “(II) imposes a local income tax
18 upon its residents.

19 “(ii) Contributions required by a
20 State from a political subdivision for ad-
21 ministrative expenses if the State required
22 such contributions from such subdivision
23 without reimbursement from the State as
24 of January 1, 2017.

1 “(5) ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE EXPENDITURES
2 TARGETS TO PROMOTE PROGRAM EQUITY ACROSS
3 STATES.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with fiscal
5 year 2020, the target per capita medical assist-
6 ance expenditures for a 1903A enrollee cat-
7 egory, State, and fiscal year, as determined
8 under paragraph (2), shall be adjusted (subject
9 to subparagraph (C)(i)) in accordance with this
10 paragraph.

11 “(B) ADJUSTMENT BASED ON LEVEL OF
12 PER CAPITA SPENDING FOR 1903A ENROLLEE
13 CATEGORIES.—Subject to subparagraph (C),
14 with respect to a State, fiscal year, and 1903A
15 enrollee category, if the State’s per capita cat-
16 egorical medical assistance expenditures (as de-
17 fined in subparagraph (D)) for the State and
18 category in the preceding fiscal year—

19 “(i) exceed the mean per capita cat-
20 egorical medical assistance expenditures
21 for the category for all States for such pre-
22 ceding year by not less than 25 percent,
23 the State’s target per capita medical as-
24 sistance expenditures for such category for
25 the fiscal year involved shall be reduced by

1 a percentage that shall be determined by
2 the Secretary but which shall not be less
3 than 0.5 percent or greater than 2 percent;
4 or

5 “(ii) are less than the mean per capita
6 categorical medical assistance expenditures
7 for the category for all States for such pre-
8 ceding year by not less than 25 percent,
9 the State’s target per capita medical as-
10 sistance expenditures for such category for
11 the fiscal year involved shall be increased
12 by a percentage that shall be determined
13 by the Secretary but which shall not be
14 less than 0.5 percent or greater than 2
15 percent.

16 “(C) RULES OF APPLICATION.—

17 “(i) BUDGET NEUTRALITY REQUIRE-
18 MENT.—In determining the appropriate
19 percentages by which to adjust States’ tar-
20 get per capita medical assistance expendi-
21 tures for a category and fiscal year under
22 this paragraph, the Secretary shall make
23 such adjustments in a manner that does
24 not result in a net increase in Federal pay-
25 ments under this section for such fiscal

1 year, and if the Secretary cannot adjust
2 such expenditures in such a manner there
3 shall be no adjustment under this para-
4 graph for such fiscal year.

5 “(ii) ASSUMPTION REGARDING STATE
6 EXPENDITURES.—For purposes of clause
7 (i), in the case of a State that has its tar-
8 get per capita medical assistance expendi-
9 tures for a 1903A enrollee category and
10 fiscal year increased under this paragraph,
11 the Secretary shall assume that the cat-
12 egorical medical assistance expenditures
13 (as defined in subparagraph (D)(ii)) for
14 such State, category, and fiscal year will
15 equal such increased target medical assist-
16 ance expenditures.

17 “(iii) NONAPPLICATION TO LOW-DEN-
18 SITY STATES.—This paragraph shall not
19 apply to any State that has a population
20 density of less than 15 individuals per
21 square mile, based on the most recent data
22 available from the Bureau of the Census.

23 “(iv) DISREGARD OF ADJUSTMENT.—
24 Any adjustment under this paragraph to
25 target medical assistance expenditures for

1 a State, 1903A enrollee category, and fis-
2 cal year shall be disregarded when deter-
3 mining the target medical assistance ex-
4 penditures for such State and category for
5 a succeeding year under paragraph (2).

6 “(v) APPLICATION FOR FISCAL YEARS
7 2020 AND 2021.—In fiscal years 2020 and
8 2021, the Secretary shall apply this para-
9 graph by deeming all categories of 1903A
10 enrollees to be a single category.

11 “(D) PER CAPITA CATEGORICAL MEDICAL
12 ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In this paragraph,
14 the term ‘per capita categorical medical as-
15 sistance expenditures’ means, with respect
16 to a State, 1903A enrollee category, and
17 fiscal year, an amount equal to—

18 “(I) the categorical medical ex-
19 penditures (as defined in clause (ii))
20 for the State, category, and year; di-
21 vided by

22 “(II) the number of 1903A en-
23 rollees for the State, category, and
24 year.

1 “(ii) CATEGORICAL MEDICAL ASSIST-
2 ANCE EXPENDITURES.—The term ‘categor-
3 ical medical assistance expenditures’
4 means, with respect to a State, 1903A en-
5 rollee category, and fiscal year, an amount
6 equal to the total medical assistance ex-
7 penditures (as defined in paragraph (2))
8 for the State and fiscal year that are at-
9 tributable to 1903A enrollees in the cat-
10 egory, excluding any excluded expenditures
11 (as defined in paragraph (3)) for the State
12 and fiscal year that are attributable to
13 1903A enrollees in the category.

14 “(d) CALCULATION OF FY19 PROVISIONAL TARGET
15 AMOUNT FOR EACH 1903A ENROLLEE CATEGORY.—Sub-
16 ject to subsection (g), the following shall apply:

17 “(1) CALCULATION OF BASE AMOUNTS FOR PER
18 CAPITA BASE PERIOD.—For each State the Sec-
19 retary shall calculate (and provide notice to the
20 State not later than April 1, 2018, of) the following:

21 “(A) The amount of the adjusted total
22 medical assistance expenditures (as defined in
23 subsection (b)(1)) for the State for the State’s
24 per capita base period.

1 “(B) The number of 1903A enrollees for
2 the State in the State’s per capita base period
3 (as determined under subsection (e)(4)).

4 “(C) The average per capita medical as-
5 sistance expenditures for the State for the
6 State’s per capita base period equal to—

7 “(i) the amount calculated under sub-
8 paragraph (A); divided by

9 “(ii) the number calculated under sub-
10 paragraph (B).

11 “(2) FISCAL YEAR 2019 AVERAGE PER CAPITA
12 AMOUNT BASED ON INFLATING THE PER CAPITA
13 BASE PERIOD AMOUNT TO FISCAL YEAR 2019 BY CPI-
14 MEDICAL.—The Secretary shall calculate a fiscal
15 year 2019 average per capita amount for each State
16 equal to—

17 “(A) the average per capita medical assist-
18 ance expenditures for the State for the State’s
19 per capita base period (calculated under para-
20 graph (1)(C)); increased by

21 “(B) the percentage increase in the med-
22 ical care component of the consumer price index
23 for all urban consumers (U.S. city average)
24 from the last month of the State’s per capita
25 base period to September of fiscal year 2019.

1 “(3) AGGREGATE AND AVERAGE EXPENDI-
2 TURES PER CAPITA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.—The
3 Secretary shall calculate for each State the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(A) The amount of the adjusted total
6 medical assistance expenditures (as defined in
7 subsection (b)(1)) for the State for fiscal year
8 2019.

9 “(B) The number of 1903A enrollees for
10 the State in fiscal year 2019 (as determined
11 under subsection (e)(4)).

12 “(4) PER CAPITA EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL
13 YEAR 2019 FOR EACH 1903A ENROLLEE CATEGORY.—
14 The Secretary shall calculate (and provide notice to
15 each State not later than January 1, 2020, of) the
16 following:

17 “(A)(i) For each 1903A enrollee category,
18 the amount of the adjusted total medical assist-
19 ance expenditures (as defined in subsection
20 (b)(1)) for the State for fiscal year 2019 for in-
21 dividuals in the enrollee category, calculated by
22 excluding from medical assistance expenditures
23 those expenditures attributable to expenditures
24 described in clause (iii) or non-DSH supple-
25 mental expenditures (as defined in clause (ii)).

1 “(ii) In this paragraph, the term ‘non-
2 DSH supplemental expenditure’ means a pay-
3 ment to a provider under the State plan (or
4 under a waiver of the plan) that—

5 “(I) is not made under section 1923;

6 “(II) is not made with respect to a
7 specific item or service for an individual;

8 “(III) is in addition to any payments
9 made to the provider under the plan (or
10 waiver) for any such item or service; and

11 “(IV) complies with the limits for ad-
12 ditional payments to providers under the
13 plan (or waiver) imposed pursuant to sec-
14 tion 1902(a)(30)(A), including the regula-
15 tions specifying upper payment limits
16 under the State plan in part 447 of title
17 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or any
18 successor regulations).

19 “(iii) An expenditure described in this
20 clause is an expenditure that meets the criteria
21 specified in subclauses (I), (II), and (III) of
22 clause (ii) and is authorized under section 1115
23 for the purposes of funding a delivery system
24 reform pool, uncompensated care pool, a des-
25 ignated State health program, or any other

1 similar expenditure (as defined by the Sec-
2 retary).

3 “(B) For each 1903A enrollee category,
4 the number of 1903A enrollees for the State in
5 fiscal year 2019 in the enrollee category (as de-
6 termined under subsection (e)(4)).

7 “(C) For the State’s per capita base pe-
8 riod, the State’s non-DSH supplemental and
9 pool payment percentage is equal to the ratio
10 (expressed as a percentage) of—

11 “(i) the total amount of non-DSH
12 supplemental expenditures (as defined in
13 subparagraph (A)(ii) and adjusted under
14 subparagraph (E)) and payments described
15 in subparagraph (A)(iii) (and adjusted
16 under subparagraph (E)) for the State for
17 the period; to

18 “(ii) the amount described in sub-
19 section (b)(1)(A) for the State for the
20 State’s per capita base period.

21 “(D) For each 1903A enrollee category an
22 average medical assistance expenditures per
23 capita for the State for fiscal year 2019 for the
24 enrollee category equal to—

1 “(i) the amount calculated under sub-
2 paragraph (A) for the State, increased by
3 the non-DSH supplemental and pool pay-
4 ment percentage for the State (as cal-
5 culated under subparagraph (C)); divided
6 by

7 “(ii) the number calculated under sub-
8 paragraph (B) for the State for the en-
9 rollee category.

10 “(E) For purposes of subparagraph (C)(i),
11 in calculating the total amount of non-DSH
12 supplemental expenditures and payments de-
13 scribed in subparagraph (A)(iii) for a State for
14 the per capita base period, the total amount of
15 such expenditures and the total amount of such
16 payments for the State and base period shall
17 each be divided by 2.

18 “(5) PROVISIONAL FY19 PER CAPITA TARGET
19 AMOUNT FOR EACH 1903A ENROLLEE CATEGORY.—
20 Subject to subsection (f)(2), the Secretary shall cal-
21 culate for each State a provisional FY19 per capita
22 target amount for each 1903A enrollee category
23 equal to the average medical assistance expenditures
24 per capita for the State for fiscal year 2019 (as cal-

1 culated under paragraph (4)(D)) for such enrollee
2 category multiplied by the ratio of—

3 “(A) the product of—

4 “(i) the fiscal year 2019 average per
5 capita amount for the State, as calculated
6 under paragraph (2); and

7 “(ii) the number of 1903A enrollees
8 for the State in fiscal year 2019, as cal-
9 culated under paragraph (3)(B); to

10 “(B) the amount of the adjusted total
11 medical assistance expenditures for the State
12 for fiscal year 2019, as calculated under para-
13 graph (3)(A).

14 “(e) 1903A ENROLLEE; 1903A ENROLLEE CAT-
15 EGORY.—Subject to subsection (g), for purposes of this
16 section, the following shall apply:

17 “(1) 1903A ENROLLEE.—The term ‘1903A en-
18 rollee’ means, with respect to a State and a month
19 and subject to subsection (i)(1)(B), any Medicaid
20 enrollee (as defined in paragraph (3)) for the month,
21 other than such an enrollee who for such month is
22 in any of the following categories of excluded indi-
23 viduals:

24 “(A) CHIP.—An individual who is pro-
25 vided, under this title in the manner described

1 in section 2101(a)(2), child health assistance
2 under title XXI.

3 “(B) IHS.—An individual who receives
4 any medical assistance under this title for serv-
5 ices for which payment is made under the third
6 sentence of section 1905(b).

7 “(C) BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER
8 SERVICES ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—An indi-
9 vidual who is eligible for medical assistance
10 under this title only on the basis of section
11 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII).

12 “(D) PARTIAL-BENEFIT ENROLLEES.—An
13 individual who—

14 “(i) is an alien who is eligible for
15 medical assistance under this title only on
16 the basis of section 1903(v)(2);

17 “(ii) is eligible for medical assistance
18 under this title only on the basis of sub-
19 clause (XII) or (XXI) of section
20 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) (or on the basis of a
21 waiver that provides only comparable bene-
22 fits);

23 “(iii) is a dual eligible individual (as
24 defined in section 1915(h)(2)(B)) and is
25 eligible for medical assistance under this

1 title (or under a waiver) only for some or
2 all of medicare cost-sharing (as defined in
3 section 1905(p)(3)); or

4 “(iv) is eligible for medical assistance
5 under this title and for whom the State is
6 providing a payment or subsidy to an em-
7 ployer for coverage of the individual under
8 a group health plan pursuant to section
9 1906 or section 1906A (or pursuant to a
10 waiver that provides only comparable bene-
11 fits).

12 “(E) BLIND AND DISABLED CHILDREN.—

13 An individual who—

14 “(i) is a child under 19 years of age;
15 and

16 “(ii) is eligible for medical assistance
17 under this title on the basis of being blind
18 or disabled.

19 “(2) 1903A ENROLLEE CATEGORY.—The term
20 ‘1903A enrollee category’ means each of the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(A) ELDERLY.—A category of 1903A en-
23 rollees who are 65 years of age or older.

1 “(B) BLIND AND DISABLED.—A category
2 of 1903A enrollees (not described in the pre-
3 vious subparagraph) who—

4 “(i) are 19 years of age or older; and

5 “(ii) are eligible for medical assistance
6 under this title on the basis of being blind
7 or disabled.

8 “(C) CHILDREN.—A category of 1903A
9 enrollees (not described in a previous subpara-
10 graph) who are children under 19 years of age.

11 “(D) EXPANSION ENROLLEES.—A cat-
12 egory of 1903A enrollees (not described in a
13 previous subparagraph) who are eligible for
14 medical assistance under this title only on the
15 basis of clause (i)(VIII), (ii)(XX), or
16 (ii)(XXIII) of section 1902(a)(10)(A).

17 “(E) OTHER NONELDERLY, NONDISABLED,
18 NON-EXPANSION ADULTS.—A category of
19 1903A enrollees who are not described in any
20 previous subparagraph.

21 “(3) MEDICAID ENROLLEE.—The term ‘Med-
22 icaid enrollee’ means, with respect to a State for a
23 month, an individual who is eligible for medical as-
24 sistance for items or services under this title and en-

1 rolled under the State plan (or a waiver of such
2 plan) under this title for the month.

3 “(4) DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF 1903A
4 ENROLLEES.—The number of 1903A enrollees for a
5 State and fiscal year or the State’s per capita base
6 period, and, if applicable, for a 1903A enrollee cat-
7 egory, is the average monthly number of Medicaid
8 enrollees for such State and fiscal year or base pe-
9 riod (and, if applicable, in such category) that are
10 reported through the CMS–64 report under (and
11 subject to audit under) subsection (h).

12 “(f) SPECIAL PAYMENT RULES.—

13 “(1) APPLICATION IN CASE OF RESEARCH AND
14 DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS AND OTHER WAIVERS.—
15 In the case of a State with a waiver of the State
16 plan approved under section 1115, section 1915, or
17 another provision of this title, this section shall
18 apply to medical assistance expenditures and medical
19 assistance payments under the waiver, in the same
20 manner as if such expenditures and payments had
21 been made under a State plan under this title and
22 the limitations on expenditures under this section
23 shall supersede any other payment limitations or
24 provisions (including limitations based on a per cap-

1 ita limitation) otherwise applicable under such a
2 waiver.

3 “(2) TREATMENT OF STATES EXPANDING COV-
4 ERAGE AFTER JULY 1, 2016.—In the case of a State
5 that did not provide for medical assistance for the
6 1903A enrollee category described in subsection
7 (e)(2)(D) as of July 1, 2016, but which subsequently
8 provides for such assistance for such category, the
9 provisional FY19 per capita target amount for such
10 enrollee category under subsection (d)(5) shall be
11 equal to the provisional FY19 per capita target
12 amount for the 1903A enrollee category described in
13 subsection (e)(2)(E).

14 “(3) IN CASE OF STATE FAILURE TO REPORT
15 NECESSARY DATA.—If a State for any quarter in a
16 fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 2019) fails to
17 satisfactorily submit data on expenditures and en-
18 rollees in accordance with subsection (h)(1), for such
19 fiscal year and any succeeding fiscal year for which
20 such data are not satisfactorily submitted—

21 “(A) the Secretary shall calculate and
22 apply subsections (a) through (e) with respect
23 to the State as if all 1903A enrollee categories
24 for which such expenditure and enrollee data

1 were not satisfactorily submitted were a single
2 1903A enrollee category; and

3 “(B) the growth factor otherwise applied
4 under subsection (c)(2)(B) shall be decreased
5 by 1 percentage point.

6 “(g) RECALCULATION OF CERTAIN AMOUNTS FOR
7 DATA ERRORS.—The amounts and percentage calculated
8 under paragraphs (1) and (4)(C) of subsection (d) for a
9 State for the State’s per capita base period, and the
10 amounts of the adjusted total medical assistance expendi-
11 tures calculated under subsection (b) and the number of
12 Medicaid enrollees and 1903A enrollees determined under
13 subsection (e)(4) for a State for the State’s per capita
14 base period, fiscal year 2019, and any subsequent fiscal
15 year, may be adjusted by the Secretary based upon an ap-
16 peal (filed by the State in such a form, manner, and time,
17 and containing such information relating to data errors
18 that support such appeal, as the Secretary specifies) that
19 the Secretary determines to be valid, except that any ad-
20 justment by the Secretary under this subsection for a
21 State may not result in an increase of the target total
22 medical assistance expenditures exceeding 2 percent.

23 “(h) REQUIRED REPORTING AND AUDITING; TRANSI-
24 TIONAL INCREASE IN FEDERAL MATCHING PERCENTAGE
25 FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—

1 “(1) REPORTING OF CMS-64 DATA.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—In addition to the
3 data required on form Group VIII on the CMS-
4 64 report form as of January 1, 2017, in each
5 CMS-64 report required to be submitted (for
6 each quarter beginning on or after October 1,
7 2018), the State shall include data on medical
8 assistance expenditures within such categories
9 of services and categories of enrollees (including
10 each 1903A enrollee category and each category
11 of excluded individuals under subsection (e)(1))
12 and the numbers of enrollees within each of
13 such enrollee categories, as the Secretary deter-
14 mines are necessary (including timely guidance
15 published as soon as possible after the date of
16 the enactment of this section) in order to imple-
17 ment this section and to enable States to com-
18 ply with the requirement of this paragraph on
19 a timely basis.

20 “(B) REPORTING ON QUALIFIED INPA-
21 TIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL SERVICES.—Not
22 later than 60 days after the date of the enact-
23 ment of this section, the Secretary shall modify
24 the CMS-64 report form to require that States
25 submit data with respect to medical assistance

1 expenditures for qualified inpatient psychiatric
2 hospital services (as defined in section
3 1905(h)(3)).

4 “(C) REPORTING ON CHILDREN WITH
5 COMPLEX MEDICAL CONDITIONS.—Not later
6 than January 1, 2020, the Secretary shall mod-
7 ify the CMS–64 report form to require that
8 States submit data with respect to individuals
9 who—

10 “(i) are enrolled in a State plan under
11 this title or title XXI or under a waiver of
12 such plan;

13 “(ii) are under 21 years of age; and

14 “(iii) have a chronic medical condition
15 or serious injury that—

16 “(I) affects two or more body
17 systems;

18 “(II) affects cognitive or physical
19 functioning (such as reducing the abil-
20 ity to perform the activities of daily
21 living, including the ability to engage
22 in movement or mobility, eat, drink,
23 communicate, or breathe independ-
24 ently); and

25 “(III) either—

1 “(aa) requires intensive
2 healthcare interventions (such as
3 multiple medications, therapies,
4 or durable medical equipment)
5 and intensive care coordination to
6 optimize health and avoid hos-
7 pitalizations or emergency de-
8 partment visits; or
9 “(bb) meets the criteria for
10 medical complexity under existing
11 risk adjustment methodologies
12 using a recognized, publicly avail-
13 able pediatric grouping system
14 (such as the pediatric complex
15 conditions classification system
16 or the Pediatric Medical Com-
17 plexity Algorithm) selected by the
18 Secretary in close collaboration
19 with the State agencies respon-
20 sible for administering State
21 plans under this title and a na-
22 tional panel of pediatric, pedi-
23 atric specialty, and pediatric sub-
24 specialty experts.

1 “(2) AUDITING OF CMS-64 DATA.—The Sec-
2 retary shall conduct for each State an audit of the
3 number of individuals and expenditures reported
4 through the CMS-64 report for the State’s per cap-
5 ita base period, fiscal year 2019, and each subse-
6 quent fiscal year, which audit may be conducted on
7 a representative sample (as determined by the Sec-
8 retary).

9 “(3) AUDITING OF STATE SPENDING.—The In-
10 spector General of the Department of Health and
11 Human Services shall conduct an audit (which shall
12 be conducted using random sampling, as determined
13 by the Inspector General) of each State’s spending
14 under this section not less than once every 3 years.

15 “(4) TEMPORARY INCREASE IN FEDERAL
16 MATCHING PERCENTAGE TO SUPPORT IMPROVED
17 DATA REPORTING SYSTEMS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2018
18 AND 2019.—In the case of any State that selects as
19 its per capita base period the most recent 8 consecu-
20 tive quarter period for which the data necessary to
21 make the determinations required under this section
22 is available, for amounts expended during calendar
23 quarters beginning on or after October 1, 2017, and
24 before October 1, 2019—

1 “(A) the Federal matching percentage ap-
2 plied under section 1903(a)(3)(A)(i) shall be in-
3 creased by 10 percentage points to 100 percent;

4 “(B) the Federal matching percentage ap-
5 plied under section 1903(a)(3)(B) shall be in-
6 creased by 25 percentage points to 100 percent;

7 and

8 “(C) the Federal matching percentage ap-
9 plied under section 1903(a)(7) shall be in-
10 creased by 10 percentage points to 60 percent
11 but only with respect to amounts expended that
12 are attributable to a State’s additional adminis-
13 trative expenditures to implement the data re-
14 quirements of paragraph (1).

15 “(5) HHS REPORT ON ADOPTION OF T-MSIS
16 DATA.—Not later than January 1, 2025, the Sec-
17 retary shall submit to Congress a report making rec-
18 ommendations as to whether data from the Trans-
19 formed Medicaid Statistical Information System
20 would be preferable to CMS-64 report data for pur-
21 poses of making the determinations necessary under
22 this section.”.

23 (b) ENSURING ACCESS TO HOME AND COMMUNITY
24 BASED SERVICES.—Section 1915 of the Social Security

1 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n) is amended by adding at the end
2 the following new subsection:

3 “(l) INCENTIVE PAYMENTS FOR HOME AND COMMU-
4 NITY-BASED SERVICES.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall estab-
6 lish a demonstration project (referred to in this sub-
7 section as the ‘demonstration project’) under which
8 eligible States may make HCBS payment adjust-
9 ments for the purpose of continuing to provide and
10 improving the quality of home and community-based
11 services provided under a waiver under subsection
12 (c) or (d) or a State plan amendment under sub-
13 section (i).

14 “(2) SELECTION OF ELIGIBLE STATES.—

15 “(A) APPLICATION.—A State seeking to
16 participate in the demonstration project shall
17 submit to the Secretary, at such time and in
18 such manner as the Secretary shall require, an
19 application that includes—

20 “(i) an assurance that any HCBS
21 payment adjustment made by the State
22 under this subsection will comply with the
23 health and welfare and financial account-
24 ability safeguards taken by the State under
25 subsection (c)(2)(A); and

1 made by the State in the year exceeds the
2 amount allotted to the State for the year
3 under clause (i).

4 “(5) REPORTING AND EVALUATION.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—As a condition of re-
6 ceiving the increased Federal medical assistance
7 percentage described in paragraph (4)(B), each
8 eligible State shall collect and report informa-
9 tion, as determined necessary by the Secretary,
10 for the purposes of providing Federal oversight
11 and evaluating the State’s compliance with the
12 health and welfare and financial accountability
13 safeguards taken by the State under subsection
14 (c)(2)(A).

15 “(B) FORMS.—Expenditures by eligible
16 States on HCBS payment adjustments shall be
17 separately reported on the CMS-64 Form and
18 in T-MSIS.

19 “(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

20 “(A) ELIGIBLE STATE.—The term ‘eligible
21 State’ means a State that—

22 “(i) is one of the 50 States or the
23 District of Columbia;

24 “(ii) has in effect—

1 “(I) a waiver under subsection
2 (c) or (d); or

3 “(II) a State plan amendment
4 under subsection (i);

5 “(iii) submits an application under
6 paragraph (2)(A); and

7 “(iv) is selected by the Secretary to
8 participate in the demonstration project.

9 “(B) HCBS PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT.—The
10 term ‘HCBS payment adjustment’ means a
11 payment adjustment made by an eligible State
12 to the amount of payment otherwise provided
13 under a waiver under subsection (c) or (d) or
14 a State plan amendment under subsection (i)
15 for a home and community-based service which
16 is provided to a 1903A enrollee (as defined in
17 section 1903A(e)(1)) who is in the enrollee cat-
18 egory described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of
19 section 1903A(e)(2).”.

20 **SEC. 133. FLEXIBLE BLOCK GRANT OPTION FOR STATES.**

21 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, as amended by
22 section 132, is further amended by inserting after section
23 1903A the following new section:

1 **“SEC. 1903B. MEDICAID FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM.**

2 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Beginning with fiscal year 2020,
3 any State (as defined in subsection (e)) that has an appli-
4 cation approved by the Secretary under subsection (b)
5 may conduct a Medicaid Flexibility Program to provide
6 targeted health assistance to program enrollees.

7 “(b) STATE APPLICATION.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—To be eligible to conduct a
9 Medicaid Flexibility Program, a State shall submit
10 an application to the Secretary that meets the re-
11 quirements of this subsection.

12 “(2) CONTENTS OF APPLICATION.—An applica-
13 tion under this subsection shall include the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(A) A description of the proposed Med-
16 icaid Flexibility Program and how the State will
17 satisfy the requirements described in subsection
18 (d).

19 “(B) The proposed conditions for eligibility
20 of program enrollees.

21 “(C) The applicable program enrollee cat-
22 egory (as defined in subsection (e)(1)).

23 “(D) A description of the types, amount,
24 duration, and scope of services which will be of-
25 fered as targeted health assistance under the
26 program, including a description of the pro-

1 posed package of services which will be provided
2 to program enrollees to whom the State would
3 otherwise be required to make medical assist-
4 ance available under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i).

5 “(E) A description of how the State will
6 notify individuals currently enrolled in the State
7 plan for medical assistance under this title of
8 the transition to such program.

9 “(F) Statements certifying that the State
10 agrees to—

11 “(i) submit regular enrollment data
12 with respect to the program to the Centers
13 for Medicare & Medicaid Services at such
14 time and in such manner as the Secretary
15 may require;

16 “(ii) submit timely and accurate data
17 to the Transformed Medicaid Statistical
18 Information System (T-MSIS);

19 “(iii) report annually to the Secretary
20 on adult health quality measures imple-
21 mented under the program and informa-
22 tion on the quality of health care furnished
23 to program enrollees under the program as
24 part of the annual report required under
25 section 1139B(d)(1);

1 “(iv) submit such additional data and
2 information not described in any of the
3 preceding clauses of this subparagraph but
4 which the Secretary determines is nec-
5 essary for monitoring, evaluation, or pro-
6 gram integrity purposes, including—

7 “(I) survey data, such as the
8 data from Consumer Assessment of
9 Healthcare Providers and Systems
10 (CAHPS) surveys;

11 “(II) birth certificate data; and

12 “(III) clinical patient data for
13 quality measurements which may not
14 be present in a claim, such as labora-
15 tory data, body mass index, and blood
16 pressure; and

17 “(v) on an annual basis, conduct a re-
18 port evaluating the program and make
19 such report available to the public.

20 “(G) An information technology systems
21 plan demonstrating that the State has the capa-
22 bility to support the technological administra-
23 tion of the program and comply with reporting
24 requirements under this section.

1 “(H) A statement of the goals of the pro-
2 posed program, which shall include—

3 “(i) goals related to quality, access,
4 rate of growth targets, consumer satisfac-
5 tion, and outcomes;

6 “(ii) a plan for monitoring and evalu-
7 ating the program to determine whether
8 such goals are being met; and

9 “(iii) a proposed process for the State,
10 in consultation with the Centers for Medi-
11 care & Medicaid Services, to take remedial
12 action to make progress on unmet goals.

13 “(I) Such other information as the Sec-
14 retary may require.

15 “(3) STATE NOTICE AND COMMENT PERIOD.—

16 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Before submitting an
17 application under this subsection, a State shall
18 make the application publicly available for a 30
19 day notice and comment period.

20 “(B) NOTICE AND COMMENT PROCESS.—

21 During the notice and comment period de-
22 scribed in subparagraph (A), the State shall
23 provide opportunities for a meaningful level of
24 public input, which shall include public hearings
25 on the proposed Medicaid Flexibility Program.

1 “(4) FEDERAL NOTICE AND COMMENT PE-
2 RIOD.—The Secretary shall not approve of any ap-
3 plication to conduct a Medicaid Flexibility Program
4 without making such application publicly available
5 for a 30 day notice and comment period.

6 “(5) TIMELINE FOR SUBMISSION.—

7 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State may submit
8 an application under this subsection to conduct
9 a Medicaid Flexibility Program that would
10 begin in the next fiscal year at any time, sub-
11 ject to subparagraph (B).

12 “(B) DEADLINES.—Each year beginning
13 with 2019, the Secretary shall specify a dead-
14 line for submitting an application under this
15 subsection to conduct a Medicaid Flexibility
16 Program that would begin in the next fiscal
17 year, but such deadline shall not be earlier than
18 60 days after the date that the Secretary pub-
19 lishes the amounts of State block grants as re-
20 quired under subsection (c)(4).

21 “(c) FINANCING.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For each fiscal year during
23 which a State is conducting a Medicaid Flexibility
24 Program, the State shall receive, instead of amounts
25 otherwise payable to the State under this title for

1 medical assistance for program enrollees, the
2 amount specified in paragraph (3)(A).

3 “(2) AMOUNT OF BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The block grant
5 amount under this paragraph for a State and
6 year shall be equal to the sum of the amounts
7 determined under subparagraph (B) for each
8 1903A enrollee category within the applicable
9 program enrollee category for the State and
10 year.

11 “(B) ENROLLEE CATEGORY AMOUNTS.—

12 “(i) FOR INITIAL YEAR.—Subject to
13 subparagraph (C), for the first fiscal year
14 in which a 1903A enrollee category is in-
15 cluded in the applicable program enrollee
16 category for a Medicaid Flexibility Pro-
17 gram conducted by the State, the amount
18 determined under this subparagraph for
19 the State, year, and category shall be equal
20 to the Federal average medical assistance
21 matching percentage (as defined in section
22 1903A(a)(4)) for the State and year multi-
23 plied by the product of—

24 “(I) the target per capita medical
25 assistance expenditures (as defined in

1 section 1903A(c)(2)) for the State,
2 year, and category; and

3 “(II) the number of 1903A en-
4 rollees in such category for the State
5 for the second fiscal year preceding
6 such first fiscal year, increased by the
7 percentage increase in State popu-
8 lation from such second preceding fis-
9 cal year to such first fiscal year, based
10 on the best available estimates of the
11 Bureau of the Census.

12 “(ii) FOR ANY SUBSEQUENT YEAR.—
13 For any fiscal year that is not the first fis-
14 cal year in which a 1903A enrollee cat-
15 egory is included in the applicable program
16 enrollee category for a Medicaid Flexibility
17 Program conducted by the State, the block
18 grant amount under this paragraph for the
19 State, year, and category shall be equal to
20 the amount determined for the State and
21 category for the most recent previous fiscal
22 year in which the State conducted a Med-
23 icaid Flexibility Program that included
24 such category, except that such amount
25 shall be increased by the percentage in-

1 crease in the consumer price index for all
2 urban consumers (U.S. city average) from
3 April of the second fiscal year preceding
4 the fiscal year involved to April of the fis-
5 cal year preceding the fiscal year involved.

6 “(C) CAP ON TOTAL POPULATION OF 1903A
7 ENROLLEES FOR PURPOSES OF BLOCK GRANT
8 CALCULATION.—

9 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In calculating the
10 amount of a block grant for the first year
11 in which a 1903A enrollee category is in-
12 cluded in the applicable program enrollee
13 category for a Medicaid Flexibility Pro-
14 gram conducted by the State under sub-
15 paragraph (B)(i), the total number of
16 1903A enrollees in such 1903A enrollee
17 category for the State and year shall not
18 exceed the adjusted number of base period
19 enrollees for the State (as defined in clause
20 (ii)).

21 “(ii) ADJUSTED NUMBER OF BASE PE-
22 RIOD ENROLLEES.—The term ‘adjusted
23 number of base period enrollees’ means,
24 with respect to a State and 1903A enrollee
25 category, the number of 1903A enrollees in

1 the enrollee category for the State for the
2 State's per capita base period (as deter-
3 mined under section 1903A(e)(4)), in-
4 creased by the percentage increase, if any,
5 in the total State population from the last
6 April in the State's per capita base period
7 to April of the fiscal year preceding the fis-
8 cal year involved (determined using the
9 best available data from the Bureau of the
10 Census) plus 3 percentage points.

11 “(D) AVAILABILITY OF ROLLOVER
12 FUNDS.—

13 “(i) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that
14 the block grant amount available to a
15 State for a fiscal year under this para-
16 graph exceeds the amount of Federal pay-
17 ments made to the State for such fiscal
18 year under paragraph (3)(A), the Sec-
19 retary shall make such funds available to
20 the State for the succeeding fiscal year if
21 the State—

22 “(I) satisfies the State mainte-
23 nance of effort requirement under
24 paragraph (3)(B); and

1 “(II) is conducting a Medicaid
2 Flexibility Program in such suc-
3 ceeding fiscal year.

4 “(ii) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds made
5 available to a State under this subpara-
6 graph shall only be used for expenditures
7 related to the State plan under this title or
8 to the State Medicaid Flexibility Program.

9 “(3) FEDERAL PAYMENT AND STATE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—

11 “(A) FEDERAL PAYMENT.—Subject to sub-
12 paragraphs (D) and (E), the Secretary shall
13 pay to each State conducting a Medicaid Flexi-
14 bility Program under this section for a fiscal
15 year, from its block grant amount under para-
16 graph (2) for such year, an amount for each
17 quarter of such year equal to the Federal aver-
18 age medical assistance percentage (as defined in
19 section 1903A(a)(4)) of the total amount ex-
20 pended under the program during such quarter
21 as targeted health assistance, and the State is
22 responsible for the balance of the funds to carry
23 out such program.

24 “(B) STATE MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT
25 EXPENDITURES.—For each year during which a

1 State is conducting a Medicaid Flexibility Pro-
2 gram, the State shall make expenditures for
3 targeted health assistance under the program in
4 an amount equal to the product of—

5 “(i) the block grant amount deter-
6 mined for the State and year under para-
7 graph (2); and

8 “(ii) the enhanced FMAP described in
9 the first sentence of section 2105(b) for
10 the State and year.

11 “(C) REDUCTION IN BLOCK GRANT
12 AMOUNT FOR STATES FAILING TO MEET MOE
13 REQUIREMENT.—

14 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
15 State conducting a Medicaid Flexibility
16 Program that makes expenditures for tar-
17 geted health assistance under the program
18 for a fiscal year in an amount that is less
19 than the required amount for the fiscal
20 year under subparagraph (B), the amount
21 of the block grant determined for the State
22 under paragraph (2) for the succeeding fis-
23 cal year shall be reduced by the amount by
24 which such expenditures are less than such
25 required amount.

1 “(ii) DISREGARD OF REDUCTION.—

2 For purposes of determining the amount of
3 a State block grant under paragraph (2),
4 any reduction made under this subpara-
5 graph to a State’s block grant amount in
6 a previous fiscal year shall be disregarded.

7 “(iii) APPLICATION TO STATES THAT

8 TERMINATE PROGRAM.—In the case of a
9 State described in clause (i) that termi-
10 nates the State Medicaid Flexibility Pro-
11 gram under subsection (d)(2)(B) and such
12 termination is effective with the end of the
13 fiscal year in which the State fails to make
14 the required amount of expenditures under
15 subparagraph (B), the reduction amount
16 determined for the State and succeeding
17 fiscal year under clause (i) shall be treated
18 as an overpayment under this title.

19 “(D) REDUCTION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.—

20 If the Secretary determines that a State con-
21 ducting a Medicaid Flexibility Program is not
22 complying with the requirements of this section,
23 the Secretary may withhold payments, reduce
24 payments, or recover previous payments to the

1 State under this section as the Secretary deems
2 appropriate.

3 “(E) ADDITIONAL FEDERAL PAYMENTS
4 DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—

5 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
6 State and fiscal year or portion of a fiscal
7 year for which the Secretary has excluded
8 expenditures under section 1903A(b)(6), if
9 the State has uncompensated targeted
10 health assistance expenditures for the year
11 or portion of a year, the Secretary may
12 make an additional payment to such State
13 equal to the Federal average medical as-
14 sistance percentage (as defined in section
15 1903A(a)(4)) for the year or portion of a
16 year of the amount of such uncompensated
17 targeted health assistance expenditures, ex-
18 cept that the amount of such payment
19 shall not exceed the amount determined for
20 the State and year or portion of a year
21 under clause (ii).

22 “(ii) MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF ADDI-
23 TIONAL PAYMENT.—The amount deter-
24 mined for a State and fiscal year or por-
25 tion of a fiscal year under this subpara-

1 graph shall not exceed the Federal average
2 medical assistance percentage (as defined
3 in section 1903A(a)(4)) for such year or
4 portion of a year of the amount by
5 which—

6 “(I) the amount of State expend-
7 itures for targeted health assistance
8 for program enrollees in areas of the
9 State which are subject to a declara-
10 tion described in section
11 1903A(b)(6)(A)(i) for the year or por-
12 tion of a year; exceeds

13 “(II) the amount of such expend-
14 itures for such enrollees in such areas
15 during the most recent fiscal year in-
16 volved (or portion of a fiscal year of
17 equal length to the portion of a fiscal
18 year involved) during which no such
19 declaration was in effect.

20 “(iii) UNCOMPENSATED TARGETED
21 HEALTH ASSISTANCE.—In this subpara-
22 graph, the term ‘uncompensated targeted
23 health assistance expenditures’ means,
24 with respect to a State and fiscal year or

1 portion of a fiscal year, an amount equal
2 to the amount (if any) by which—

3 “(I) the total amount expended
4 by the State under the program for
5 targeted health assistance for the year
6 or portion of a year; exceeds

7 “(II) the amount equal to the
8 amount of the block grant (reduced,
9 in the case of a portion of a year, to
10 the same proportion of the full block
11 grant amount that the portion of the
12 year bears to the whole year) divided
13 by the Federal average medical assist-
14 ance percentage for the year or por-
15 tion of a year.

16 “(iv) REVIEW.—If the Secretary
17 makes a payment to a State for a fiscal
18 year or portion of a fiscal year, the Sec-
19 retary shall, not later than 6 months after
20 the declaration described in section
21 1903A(b)(6)(A)(i) ceases to be in effect,
22 conduct an audit of the State’s targeted
23 health assistance expenditures for program
24 enrollees during the year or portion of a
25 year to ensure that all of the expenditures

1 for which the additional payment was
2 made were made for the purpose of ensur-
3 ing that the health care needs of program
4 enrollees in areas affected by a public
5 health emergency are met.

6 “(4) DETERMINATION AND PUBLICATION OF
7 BLOCK GRANT AMOUNT.—Beginning in 2019 and
8 each year thereafter, the Secretary shall determine
9 for each State, regardless of whether the State is
10 conducting a Medicaid Flexibility Program or has
11 submitted an application to conduct such a program,
12 the amount of the block grant for the State under
13 paragraph (2) which would apply for the upcoming
14 fiscal year if the State were to conduct such a pro-
15 gram in such fiscal year, and shall publish such de-
16 terminations not later than June 1 of each year.

17 “(d) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—

18 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No payment shall be made
19 under this section to a State conducting a Medicaid
20 Flexibility Program unless such program meets the
21 requirements of this subsection.

22 “(2) TERM OF PROGRAM.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State Medicaid
24 Flexibility Program approved under subsection

25 (b)—

1 “(i) shall be conducted for not less
2 than 1 program period;

3 “(ii) at the option of the State, may
4 be continued for succeeding program peri-
5 ods without resubmitting an application
6 under subsection (b), provided that—

7 “(I) the State provides notice to
8 the Secretary of its decision to con-
9 tinue the program; and

10 “(II) no significant changes are
11 made to the program; and

12 “(iii) shall be subject to termination
13 only by the State, which may terminate the
14 program by making an election under sub-
15 paragraph (B).

16 “(B) ELECTION TO TERMINATE PRO-
17 GRAM.—

18 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
19 (ii), a State conducting a Medicaid Flexi-
20 bility Program may elect to terminate the
21 program effective with the first day after
22 the end of the program period in which the
23 State makes the election.

24 “(ii) TRANSITION PLAN REQUIRE-
25 MENT.—A State may not elect to termi-

1 nate a Medicaid Flexibility Program unless
2 the State has in place an appropriate tran-
3 sition plan approved by the Secretary.

4 “(iii) EFFECT OF TERMINATION.—If a
5 State elects to terminate a Medicaid Flexi-
6 bility Program, the per capita cap limita-
7 tions under section 1903A shall apply ef-
8 fective with the day described in clause (i),
9 and such limitations shall be applied as if
10 the State had never conducted a Medicaid
11 Flexibility Program.

12 “(3) PROVISION OF TARGETED HEALTH ASSIST-
13 ANCE.—

14 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State Medicaid
15 Flexibility Program shall provide targeted
16 health assistance to program enrollees and such
17 assistance shall be instead of medical assistance
18 which would otherwise be provided to the enroll-
19 ees under this title.

20 “(B) CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—A State con-
22 ducting a Medicaid Flexibility Program
23 shall establish conditions for eligibility of
24 program enrollees, which shall be instead
25 of other conditions for eligibility under this

1 title, except that the program must provide
2 for eligibility for program enrollees to
3 whom the State would otherwise be re-
4 quired to make medical assistance available
5 under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i).

6 “(ii) MAGI.—Any determination of
7 income necessary to establish the eligibility
8 of a program enrollee for purposes of a
9 State Medicaid Flexibility Program shall
10 be made using modified adjusted gross in-
11 come in accordance with section
12 1902(e)(14).

13 “(4) BENEFITS AND SERVICES.—

14 “(A) REQUIRED SERVICES.—In the case of
15 program enrollees to whom the State would oth-
16 erwise be required to make medical assistance
17 available under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i), a
18 State conducting a Medicaid Flexibility Pro-
19 gram shall provide as targeted health assistance
20 the following types of services:

21 “(i) Inpatient and outpatient hospital
22 services.

23 “(ii) Laboratory and X-ray services.

24 “(iii) Nursing facility services for indi-
25 viduals aged 21 and older.

1 “(iv) Physician services.

2 “(v) Home health care services (in-
3 cluding home nursing services, medical
4 supplies, equipment, and appliances).

5 “(vi) Rural health clinic services (as
6 defined in section 1905(1)(1)).

7 “(vii) Federally-qualified health center
8 services (as defined in section 1905(1)(2)).

9 “(viii) Family planning services and
10 supplies.

11 “(ix) Nurse midwife services.

12 “(x) Certified pediatric and family
13 nurse practitioner services.

14 “(xi) Freestanding birth center serv-
15 ices (as defined in section 1905(1)(3)).

16 “(xii) Emergency medical transpor-
17 tation.

18 “(xiii) Non-cosmetic dental services.

19 “(xiv) Pregnancy-related services, in-
20 cluding postpartum services for the 12-
21 week period beginning on the last day of a
22 pregnancy.

23 “(B) OPTIONAL BENEFITS.—A State may,
24 at its option, provide services in addition to the
25 services described in subparagraph (A) as tar-

1 geted health assistance under a Medicaid Flexi-
2 bility Program.

3 “(C) BENEFIT PACKAGES.—

4 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The targeted
5 health assistance provided by a State to
6 any group of program enrollees under a
7 Medicaid Flexibility Program shall have an
8 aggregate actuarial value that is equal to
9 at least 95 percent of the aggregate actu-
10 arial value of the benchmark coverage de-
11 scribed in subsection (b)(1) of section 1937
12 or benchmark-equivalent coverage de-
13 scribed in subsection (b)(2) of such sec-
14 tion, as such subsections were in effect
15 prior to the enactment of the Patient Pro-
16 tection and Affordable Care Act.

17 “(ii) AMOUNT, DURATION, AND SCOPE
18 OF BENEFITS.—Subject to clause (i), the
19 State shall determine the amount, dura-
20 tion, and scope with respect to services
21 provided as targeted health assistance
22 under a Medicaid Flexibility Program, in-
23 cluding with respect to services that are re-
24 quired to be provided to certain program
25 enrollees under subparagraph (A) except

1 as otherwise provided under such subpara-
2 graph.

3 “(iii) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUB-
4 STANCE USE DISORDER COVERAGE AND
5 PARITY.—The targeted health assistance
6 provided by a State to program enrollees
7 under a Medicaid Flexibility Program shall
8 include mental health services and sub-
9 stance use disorder services and the finan-
10 cial requirements and treatment limitations
11 applicable to such services under the pro-
12 gram shall comply with the requirements
13 of section 2726 of the Public Health Serv-
14 ice Act in the same manner as such re-
15 quirements apply to a group health plan.

16 “(iv) PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.—If the
17 targeted health assistance provided by a
18 State to program enrollees under a Med-
19 icaid Flexibility Program includes assist-
20 ance for covered outpatient drugs, such
21 drugs shall be subject to a rebate agree-
22 ment that complies with the requirements
23 of section 1927, and any requirements ap-
24 plicable to medical assistance for covered
25 outpatient drugs under a State plan (in-

1 including the requirement that the State pro-
2 vide information to a manufacturer) shall
3 apply in the same manner to targeted
4 health assistance for covered outpatient
5 drugs under a Medicaid Flexibility Pro-
6 gram.

7 “(D) COST SHARING.—A State conducting
8 a Medicaid Flexibility Program may impose
9 premiums, deductibles, cost-sharing, or other
10 similar charges, except that the total annual ag-
11 gregate amount of all such charges imposed
12 with respect to all program enrollees in a family
13 shall not exceed 5 percent of the family’s in-
14 come for the year involved.

15 “(5) ADMINISTRATION OF PROGRAM.—Each
16 State conducting a Medicaid Flexibility Program
17 shall do the following:

18 “(A) SINGLE AGENCY.—Designate a single
19 State agency responsible for administering the
20 program.

21 “(B) ENROLLMENT SIMPLIFICATION AND
22 COORDINATION WITH STATE HEALTH INSUR-
23 ANCE EXCHANGES.—Provide for simplified en-
24 rollment processes (such as online enrollment
25 and reenrollment and electronic verification)

1 and coordination with State health insurance
2 exchanges.

3 “(C) BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS.—Estab-
4 lish a fair process (which the State shall de-
5 scribe in the application required under sub-
6 section (b)) for individuals to appeal adverse
7 eligibility determinations with respect to the
8 program.

9 “(6) APPLICATION OF REST OF TITLE XIX.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—To the extent that a
11 provision of this section is inconsistent with an-
12 other provision of this title, the provision of this
13 section shall apply.

14 “(B) APPLICATION OF SECTION 1903A.—
15 With respect to a State that is conducting a
16 Medicaid Flexibility Program, section 1903A
17 shall be applied as if program enrollees were
18 not 1903A enrollees for each program period
19 during which the State conducts the program.

20 “(C) WAIVERS AND STATE PLAN AMEND-
21 MENTS.—

22 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
23 State conducting a Medicaid Flexibility
24 Program that has in effect a waiver or
25 State plan amendment, such waiver or

1 amendment shall not apply with respect to
2 the program, targeted health assistance
3 provided under the program, or program
4 enrollees.

5 “(ii) REPLICATION OF WAIVER OR
6 AMENDMENT.—In designing a Medicaid
7 Flexibility Program, a State may mirror
8 provisions of a waiver or State plan
9 amendment described in clause (i) in the
10 program to the extent that such provisions
11 are otherwise consistent with the require-
12 ments of this section.

13 “(iii) EFFECT OF TERMINATION.—In
14 the case of a State described in clause (i)
15 that terminates its program under sub-
16 section (d)(2)(B), any waiver or amend-
17 ment which was limited pursuant to sub-
18 paragraph (A) shall cease to be so limited
19 effective with the effective date of such ter-
20 mination.

21 “(D) NONAPPLICATION OF PROVISIONS.—
22 With respect to the design and implementation
23 of Medicaid Flexibility Programs conducted
24 under this section, paragraphs (1), (10)(B),
25 (17), and (23) of section 1902(a), as well as

1 any other provision of this title (except for this
2 section and as otherwise provided by this sec-
3 tion) that the Secretary deems appropriate,
4 shall not apply.

5 “(e) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

6 “(1) APPLICABLE PROGRAM ENROLLEE CAT-
7 EGORY.—The term ‘applicable program enrollee cat-
8 egory’ means, with respect to a State Medicaid
9 Flexibility Program for a program period, any of the
10 following as specified by the State for the period in
11 its application under subsection (b):

12 “(A) 2 ENROLLEE CATEGORIES.—Both of
13 the 1903A enrollee categories described in sub-
14 paragraphs (D) and (E) of section 1903A(e)(2).

15 “(B) EXPANSION ENROLLEES.—The
16 1903A enrollee category described in subpara-
17 graph (D) of section 1903A(e)(2).

18 “(C) NONELDERLY, NONDISABLED, NON-
19 EXPANSION ADULTS.—The 1903A enrollee cat-
20 egory described in subparagraph (E) of section
21 1903A(e)(2).

22 “(2) MEDICAID FLEXIBILITY PROGRAM.—The
23 term ‘Medicaid Flexibility Program’ means a State
24 program for providing targeted health assistance to

1 program enrollees funded by a block grant under
2 this section.

3 “(3) PROGRAM ENROLLEE.—

4 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘program
5 enrollee’ means, with respect to a State that is
6 conducting a Medicaid Flexibility Program for
7 a program period, an individual who is a 1903A
8 enrollee (as defined in section 1903A(e)(1)) who
9 is in the applicable program enrollee category
10 specified by the State for the period.

11 “(B) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—For pur-
12 poses of section 1903A(e)(3), eligibility and en-
13 rollment of an individual under a Medicaid
14 Flexibility Program shall be deemed to be eligi-
15 bility and enrollment under a State plan (or
16 waiver of such plan) under this title.

17 “(4) PROGRAM PERIOD.—The term ‘program
18 period’ means, with respect to a State Medicaid
19 Flexibility Program, a period of 5 consecutive fiscal
20 years that begins with either—

21 “(A) the first fiscal year in which the State
22 conducts the program; or

23 “(B) the next fiscal year in which the
24 State conducts such a program that begins
25 after the end of a previous program period.

1 “(5) STATE.—The term ‘State’ means one of
2 the 50 States or the District of Columbia.

3 “(6) TARGETED HEALTH ASSISTANCE.—The
4 term ‘targeted health assistance’ means assistance
5 for health-care-related items and medical services for
6 program enrollees.”.

7 **SEC. 134. MEDICAID AND CHIP QUALITY PERFORMANCE**
8 **BONUS PAYMENTS.**

9 Section 1903 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1396b), as amended by section 130, is further amended
11 by adding at the end the following new subsection:

12 “(bb) QUALITY PERFORMANCE BONUS PAYMENTS.—

13 “(1) INCREASED FEDERAL SHARE.—With re-
14 spect to each of fiscal years 2023 through 2026, in
15 the case of one of the 50 States or the District of
16 Columbia (each referred to in this subsection as a
17 ‘State’) that—

18 “(A) equals or exceeds the qualifying
19 amount (as established by the Secretary) of
20 lower than expected aggregate medical assist-
21 ance expenditures (as defined in paragraph (4))
22 for that fiscal year; and

23 “(B) submits to the Secretary, in accord-
24 ance with such manner and format as specified
25 by the Secretary and for the performance pe-

1 riod (as defined by the Secretary) for such fis-
2 cal year—

3 “(i) information on the applicable
4 quality measures identified under para-
5 graph (3) with respect to each category of
6 Medicaid eligible individuals under the
7 State plan or a waiver of such plan; and

8 “(ii) a plan for spending a portion of
9 additional funds resulting from application
10 of this subsection on quality improvement
11 within the State plan under this title or
12 under a waiver of such plan,

13 the Federal matching percentage otherwise ap-
14 plied under subsection (a)(7) for such fiscal
15 year shall be increased by such percentage (as
16 determined by the Secretary) so that the aggre-
17 gate amount of the resulting increase pursuant
18 to this subsection for the State and fiscal year
19 does not exceed the State allotment established
20 under paragraph (2) for the State and fiscal
21 year.

22 “(2) ALLOTMENT DETERMINATION.—The Sec-
23 retary shall establish a formula for computing State
24 allotments under this paragraph for each fiscal year
25 described in paragraph (1) such that—

1 “(A) such an allotment to a State is deter-
2 mined based on the performance, including im-
3 provement, of such State under this title and
4 title XXI with respect to the quality measures
5 submitted under paragraph (3) by such State
6 for the performance period (as defined by the
7 Secretary) for such fiscal year; and

8 “(B) the total of the allotments under this
9 paragraph for all States for the period of the
10 fiscal years described in paragraph (1) is equal
11 to \$8,000,000,000.

12 “(3) QUALITY MEASURES REQUIRED FOR
13 BONUS PAYMENTS.—For purposes of this subsection,
14 the Secretary shall, pursuant to rulemaking and
15 after consultation with State agencies administering
16 State plans under this title, identify and publish
17 (and update as necessary) peer-reviewed quality
18 measures (which shall include health care and long-
19 term care outcome measures and may include the
20 quality measures that are overseen or developed by
21 the National Committee for Quality Assurance or
22 the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality or
23 that are identified under section 1139A or 1139B)
24 that are quantifiable, objective measures that take
25 into account the clinically appropriate measures of

1 quality for different types of patient populations re-
2 ceiving benefits or services under this title or title
3 XXI.

4 “(4) LOWER THAN EXPECTED AGGREGATE
5 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES.—In this sub-
6 section, the term ‘lower than expected aggregate
7 medical assistance expenditures’ means, with respect
8 to a State the amount (if any) by which—

9 “(A) the amount of the adjusted total med-
10 ical assistance expenditures for the State and
11 fiscal year determined in section 1903A(b)(1)
12 without regard to the 1903A enrollee category
13 described in section 1903A(e)(2)(E); is less
14 than

15 “(B) the amount of the target total med-
16 ical assistance expenditures for the State and
17 fiscal year determined in section 1903A(c) with-
18 out regard to the 1903A enrollee category de-
19 scribed in section 1903A(e)(2)(E).”.

20 **SEC. 135. GRANDFATHERING CERTAIN MEDICAID WAIVERS;**
21 **PRIORITIZATION OF HCBS WAIVERS.**

22 (a) **MANAGED CARE WAIVERS.—**

23 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**In the case of a State with
24 a grandfathered managed care waiver, the State
25 may, at its option through a State plan amendment,

1 continue to implement the managed care delivery
2 system that is the subject of such waiver in per-
3 petuity under the State plan under title XIX of the
4 Social Security Act (or a waiver of such plan) with-
5 out submitting an application to the Secretary for a
6 new waiver to implement such managed care delivery
7 system, so long as the terms and conditions of the
8 waiver involved (other than such terms and condi-
9 tions that relate to budget neutrality as modified
10 pursuant to section 1903A(f)(1) of the Social Secu-
11 rity Act) are not modified.

12 (2) MODIFICATIONS.—

13 (A) IN GENERAL.—If a State with a
14 grandfathered managed care waiver seeks to
15 modify the terms or conditions of such a waiv-
16 er, the State shall submit to the Secretary an
17 application for approval of a new waiver under
18 such modified terms and conditions.

19 (B) APPROVAL OF MODIFICATION.—

20 (i) IN GENERAL.—An application de-
21 scribed in subparagraph (A) is deemed ap-
22 proved unless the Secretary, not later than
23 90 days after the date on which the appli-
24 cation is submitted, submits to the State—

25 (I) a denial; or

1 (II) a request for more informa-
2 tion regarding the application.

3 (ii) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—If
4 the Secretary requests additional informa-
5 tion, the Secretary has 30 days after a
6 State submission in response to the Sec-
7 retary’s request to deny the application or
8 request more information.

9 (3) GRANDFATHERED MANAGED CARE WAIVER
10 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “grand-
11 fathered managed care waiver” means the provisions
12 of a waiver or an experimental, pilot, or demonstra-
13 tion project that relate to the authority of a State
14 to implement a managed care delivery system under
15 the State plan under title XIX of such Act (or under
16 a waiver of such plan under section 1115 of such
17 Act) that—

18 (A) is approved by the Secretary of Health
19 and Human Services under section 1915(b),
20 1932, or 1115(a)(1) of the Social Security Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 1396n(b), 1396u–2, 1315(a)(1)) as
22 of January 1, 2017; and

23 (B) has been renewed by the Secretary not
24 less than 1 time.

1 (b) HCBS WAIVERS.—The Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services shall implement procedures encouraging
3 States to adopt or extend waivers related to the authority
4 of a State to make medical assistance available for home
5 and community-based services under the State plan under
6 title XIX of the Social Security Act if the State determines
7 that such waivers would improve patient access to services.

8 **SEC. 136. COORDINATION WITH STATES.**

9 Title XIX of the Social Security Act is amended by
10 inserting after section 1904 (42 U.S.C. 1396d) the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “COORDINATION WITH STATES

13 “SEC. 1904A. No proposed rule (as defined in section
14 551(4) of title 5, United States Code) implementing or
15 interpreting any provision of this title shall be finalized
16 on or after January 1, 2018, unless the Secretary—

17 “(1) provides for a process under which the
18 Secretary or the Secretary’s designee solicits advice
19 from each State’s State agency responsible for ad-
20 ministering the State plan under this title (or a
21 waiver of such plan) and State Medicaid Director—

22 “(A) on a regular, ongoing basis on mat-
23 ters relating to the application of this title that
24 are likely to have a direct effect on the oper-
25 ation or financing of State plans under this title
26 (or waivers of such plans); and

1 “(B) prior to submission of any final pro-
2 posed rule, plan amendment, waiver request, or
3 proposal for a project that is likely to have a di-
4 rect effect on the operation or financing of
5 State plans under this title (or waivers of such
6 plans);

7 “(2) accepts and considers written and oral
8 comments from a bipartisan, nonprofit, professional
9 organization that represents State Medicaid Direc-
10 tors, and from any State agency administering the
11 plan under this title, regarding such proposed rule;
12 and

13 “(3) incorporates in the preamble to the pro-
14 posed rule a summary of comments referred to in
15 paragraph (2) and the Secretary’s response to such
16 comments.”.

17 **SEC. 137. OPTIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CERTAIN INPATIENT**
18 **PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES.**

19 (a) STATE OPTION.—Section 1905 of the Social Se-
20 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a)—

22 (A) in paragraph (16)—

23 (i) by striking “and, (B)” and insert-
24 ing “(B)”; and

1 (ii) by inserting before the semicolon
2 at the end the following: “, and (C) subject
3 to subsection (h)(4), qualified inpatient
4 psychiatric hospital services (as defined in
5 subsection (h)(3)) for individuals who are
6 over 21 years of age and under 65 years
7 of age”; and

8 (B) in the subdivision (B) that follows
9 paragraph (29), by inserting “(other than serv-
10 ices described in subparagraph (C) of para-
11 graph (16) for individuals described in such
12 subparagraph)” after “patient in an institution
13 for mental diseases”; and

14 (2) in subsection (h), by adding at the end the
15 following new paragraphs:

16 “(3) For purposes of subsection (a)(16)(C), the term
17 ‘qualified inpatient psychiatric hospital services’ means,
18 with respect to individuals described in such subsection,
19 services described in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (1)
20 that are not otherwise covered under subsection
21 (a)(16)(A) and are furnished—

22 “(A) in an institution (or distinct part thereof)
23 which is a psychiatric hospital (as defined in section
24 1861(f)); and

1 “(B) with respect to such an individual, for a
2 period not to exceed 30 consecutive days in any
3 month and not to exceed 90 days in any calendar
4 year.

5 “(4) As a condition for a State including qualified
6 inpatient psychiatric hospital services as medical assist-
7 ance under subsection (a)(16)(C), the State must (during
8 the period in which it furnishes medical assistance under
9 this title for services and individuals described in such
10 subsection)—

11 “(A) maintain at least the number of licensed
12 beds at psychiatric hospitals owned, operated, or
13 contracted for by the State that were being main-
14 tained as of the date of the enactment of this para-
15 graph or, if higher, as of the date the State applies
16 to the Secretary to include medical assistance under
17 such subsection; and

18 “(B) maintain on an annual basis a level of
19 funding expended by the State (and political subdivi-
20 sions thereof) other than under this title from non-
21 Federal funds for inpatient services in an institution
22 described in paragraph (3)(A), and for active psy-
23 chiatric care and treatment provided on an out-
24 patient basis, that is not less than the level of such
25 funding for such services and care as of the date of

1 the enactment of this paragraph or, if higher, as of
2 the date the State applies to the Secretary to include
3 medical assistance under such subsection.”.

4 (b) SPECIAL MATCHING RATE.—Section 1905(b) of
5 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395d(b)) is amended
6 by adding at the end the following: “Notwithstanding the
7 previous provisions of this subsection, the Federal medical
8 assistance percentage shall be 50 percent with respect to
9 medical assistance for services and individuals described
10 in subsection (a)(16)(C).”.

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section shall apply to qualified inpatient psychiatric
13 hospital services furnished on or after October 1, 2018.

14 **SEC. 138. ENHANCED FMAP FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO**
15 **ELIGIBLE INDIANS.**

16 Section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
17 1396d(b)) is amended, in the third sentence, by inserting
18 “and with respect to amounts expended by a State as med-
19 ical assistance for services provided by any other provider
20 under the State plan to an individual who is a member
21 of an Indian tribe who is eligible for assistance under the
22 State plan” before the period.

23 **SEC. 139. SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH PLANS.**

24 (a) TAX TREATMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH
25 PLANS.—A small business health plan (as defined in sec-

1 tion 801(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security
2 Act of 1974) shall be treated—

3 (1) as a group health plan (as defined in sec-
4 tion 2791 of the Public Health Service Act (42
5 U.S.C. 300gg-91)) for purposes of applying title
6 XXVII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
7 300gg et seq.) and title XXII of such Act (42
8 U.S.C. 300bb-1);

9 (2) as a group health plan (as defined in sec-
10 tion 5000(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of
11 1986) for purposes of applying sections 4980B and
12 5000 and chapter 100 of the Internal Revenue Code
13 of 1986; and

14 (3) as a group health plan (as defined in sec-
15 tion 733(a)(1) of the Employee Retirement Income
16 Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1191b(a)(1))) for
17 purposes of applying parts 6 and 7 of title I of the
18 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974
19 (29 U.S.C. 1161 et seq.).

20 (b) RULES.—Subtitle B of title I of the Employee
21 Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1021
22 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following
23 new part:

1 **“PART 8—RULES GOVERNING SMALL BUSINESS**

2 **RISK SHARING POOLS**

3 **“SEC. 801. SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH PLANS.**

4 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this part, the
5 term ‘small business health plan’ means a fully insured
6 group health plan, offered by a health insurance issuer in
7 the large group market, whose sponsor is described in sub-
8 section (b).

9 “(b) SPONSOR.—The sponsor of a group health plan
10 is described in this subsection if such sponsor—

11 “(1) is a qualified sponsor and receives certifi-
12 cation by the Secretary;

13 “(2) is organized and maintained in good faith,
14 with a constitution or bylaws specifically stating its
15 purpose and providing for periodic meetings on at
16 least an annual basis;

17 “(3) is established as a permanent entity;

18 “(4) is established for a purpose other than
19 providing health benefits to its members, such as an
20 organization established as a bona fide trade asso-
21 ciation, franchise, or section 7705 organization; and

22 “(5) does not condition membership on the
23 basis of a minimum group size.

1 **“SEC. 802. FILING FEE AND CERTIFICATION OF SMALL**
2 **BUSINESS HEALTH PLANS.**

3 “(a) FILING FEE.—A small business health plan
4 shall pay to the Secretary at the time of filing an applica-
5 tion for certification under subsection (b) a filing fee in
6 the amount of \$5,000, which shall be available to the Sec-
7 retary for the sole purpose of administering the certifi-
8 cation procedures applicable with respect to small business
9 health plans.

10 “(b) CERTIFICATION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months
12 after the date of enactment of this part, the Sec-
13 retary shall prescribe by interim final rule a proce-
14 dure under which the Secretary—

15 “(A) will certify a qualified sponsor of a
16 small business health plan, upon receipt of an
17 application that includes the information de-
18 scribed in paragraph (2);

19 “(B) may provide for continued certifi-
20 cation of small business health plans under this
21 part;

22 “(C) shall provide for the revocation of a
23 certification if the applicable authority finds
24 that the small business health plan involved
25 fails to comply with the requirements of this
26 part;

1 “(D) shall conduct oversight of certified
2 plan sponsors, including periodic review, and
3 consistent with section 504, applying the re-
4 quirements of sections 518, 519, and 520; and

5 “(E) will consult with a State with respect
6 to a small business health plan domiciled in
7 such State regarding the Secretary’s authority
8 under this part and other enforcement author-
9 ity under sections 502 and 504.

10 “(2) INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN APPLI-
11 CATION FOR CERTIFICATION.—An application for
12 certification under this part meets the requirements
13 of this section only if it includes, in a manner and
14 form which shall be prescribed by the applicable au-
15 thority by regulation, at least the following informa-
16 tion:

17 “(A) Identifying information.

18 “(B) States in which the plan intends to
19 do business.

20 “(C) Bonding requirements.

21 “(D) Plan documents.

22 “(E) Agreements with service providers.

23 “(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED PLAN
24 SPONSORS.—Not later than 6 months after the date
25 of enactment of this part, the Secretary shall pre-

1 scribe by interim final rule requirements for certified
2 plan sponsors that include requirements regarding—

3 “(A) structure and requirements for
4 boards of trustees or plan administrators;

5 “(B) notification of material changes; and

6 “(C) notification for voluntary termination.

7 “(c) FILING NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION WITH
8 STATES.—A certification granted under this part to a
9 small business health plan shall not be effective unless
10 written notice of such certification is filed by the plan
11 sponsor with the applicable State authority of each State
12 in which the small business health plan operates.

13 “(d) EXPEDITED AND DEEMED CERTIFICATION.—

14 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If the Secretary fails to act
15 on a complete application for certification under this
16 section within 90 days of receipt of such complete
17 application, the applying small business health plan
18 sponsor shall be deemed certified until such time as
19 the Secretary may deny for cause the application for
20 certification.

21 “(2) PENALTY.—The Secretary may assess a
22 penalty against the board of trustees, plan adminis-
23 trator, and plan sponsor (jointly and severally) of a
24 small business health plan sponsor that is deemed
25 certified under paragraph (1) of up to \$500,000 in

1 the event the Secretary determines that the applica-
2 tion for certification of such small business health
3 plan sponsor was willfully or with gross negligence
4 incomplete or inaccurate.

5 **“SEC. 803. PARTICIPATION AND COVERAGE REQUIRE-**
6 **MENTS.**

7 “(a) COVERED EMPLOYERS AND INDIVIDUALS.—The
8 requirements of this subsection are met with respect to
9 a small business health plan if, under the terms of the
10 plan—

11 “(1) each participating employer must be—

12 “(A) a member of the sponsor;

13 “(B) the sponsor; or

14 “(C) an affiliated member of the sponsor,
15 except that, in the case of a sponsor which is
16 a professional association or other individual-
17 based association, if at least one of the officers,
18 directors, or employees of an employer, or at
19 least one of the individuals who are partners in
20 an employer and who actively participates in
21 the business, is a member or such an affiliated
22 member of the sponsor, participating employers
23 may also include such employer; and

1 “(2) all individuals commencing coverage under
2 the plan after certification under this part must
3 be—

4 “(A) active or retired owners (including
5 self-employed individuals with or without em-
6 ployees), officers, directors, or employees of, or
7 partners in, participating employers; or

8 “(B) the dependents of individuals de-
9 scribed in subparagraph (A).

10 “(b) PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS.—In applying re-
11 quirements relating to coverage renewal, a participating
12 employer shall not be deemed to be a plan sponsor.

13 “(c) PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST EM-
14 PLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.—
15 The requirements of this subsection are met with respect
16 to a small business health plan if—

17 “(1) under the terms of the plan, no partici-
18 pating employer may provide health insurance cov-
19 erage in the individual market for any employee not
20 covered under the plan, if such exclusion of the em-
21 ployee from coverage under the plan is based on a
22 health status-related factor with respect to the em-
23 ployee and such employee would, but for such exclu-
24 sion on such basis, be eligible for coverage under the
25 plan; and

1 “(2) information regarding all coverage options
2 available under the plan is made readily available to
3 any employer eligible to participate.

4 **“SEC. 804. DEFINITIONS; RENEWAL.**

5 “For purposes of this part:

6 “(1) **AFFILIATED MEMBER.**—The term ‘affili-
7 ated member’ means, in connection with a sponsor—

8 “(A) a person who is otherwise eligible to
9 be a member of the sponsor but who elects an
10 affiliated status with the sponsor, or

11 “(B) in the case of a sponsor with mem-
12 bers which consist of associations, a person who
13 is a member or employee of any such associa-
14 tion and elects an affiliated status with the
15 sponsor.

16 “(2) **APPLICABLE STATE AUTHORITY.**—The
17 term ‘applicable State authority’ means, with respect
18 to a health insurance issuer in a State, the State in-
19 surance commissioner or official or officials des-
20 ignated by the State to enforce the requirements of
21 title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act for the
22 State involved with respect to such issuer.

23 “(3) **FRANCHISOR; FRANCHISEE.**—The terms
24 ‘franchisor’ and ‘franchisee’ have the meanings given
25 such terms for purposes of sections 436.2(a)

1 through 436.2(c) of title 16, Code of Federal Regu-
2 lations (including any such amendments to such reg-
3 ulation after the date of enactment of this part) and,
4 for purposes of this part, franchisor or franchisee
5 employers participating in such a group health plan
6 shall not be treated as the employer, co-employer, or
7 joint employer of the employees of another partici-
8 pating franchisor or franchisee employer for any
9 purpose.

10 “(4) HEALTH PLAN TERMS.—The terms ‘group
11 health plan’, ‘health insurance coverage’, and ‘health
12 insurance issuer’ have the meanings given such
13 terms in section 733.

14 “(5) INDIVIDUAL MARKET.—

15 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘individual
16 market’ means the market for health insurance
17 coverage offered to individuals other than in
18 connection with a group health plan.

19 “(B) TREATMENT OF VERY SMALL
20 GROUPS.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Subject to clause
22 (ii), such term includes coverage offered in
23 connection with a group health plan that
24 has fewer than 2 participants as current
25 employees or participants described in sec-

1 tion 732(d)(3) on the first day of the plan
2 year.

3 “(ii) STATE EXCEPTION.—Clause (i)
4 shall not apply in the case of health insur-
5 ance coverage offered in a State if such
6 State regulates the coverage described in
7 such clause in the same manner and to the
8 same extent as coverage in the small group
9 market (as defined in section 2791(e)(5) of
10 the Public Health Service Act) is regulated
11 by such State.

12 “(6) PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER.—The term
13 ‘participating employer’ means, in connection with a
14 small business health plan, any employer, if any in-
15 dividual who is an employee of such employer, a
16 partner in such employer, or a self-employed indi-
17 vidual who is such employer with or without employ-
18 ees (or any dependent, as defined under the terms
19 of the plan, of such individual) is or was covered
20 under such plan in connection with the status of
21 such individual as such an employee, partner, or
22 self-employed individual in relation to the plan.

23 “(7) SECTION 7705 ORGANIZATION.—The term
24 ‘section 7705 organization’ means an organization
25 providing services for a customer pursuant to a con-

1 tract meeting the conditions of subparagraphs (A),
2 (B), (C), (D), and (E) (but not (F)) of section
3 7705(e)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
4 including an entity that is part of a section 7705 or-
5 ganization control group . For purposes of this part,
6 any reference to ‘member’ shall include a customer
7 of a section 7705 organization except with respect to
8 references to a ‘member’ or ‘members’ in paragraph
9 (1).”.

10 (c) PREEMPTION RULES.—Section 514 of the Em-
11 ployee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29
12 U.S.C. 1144) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
13 lowing:

14 “(f) The provisions of this title shall supersede any
15 and all State laws insofar as they may now or hereafter
16 preclude a health insurance issuer from offering health in-
17 surance coverage in connection with a small business
18 health plan which is certified under part 8.”.

19 (d) PLAN SPONSOR.—Section 3(16)(B) of such Act
20 (29 U.S.C. 102(16)(B)) is amended by adding at the end
21 the following new sentence: “Such term also includes a
22 person serving as the sponsor of a small business health
23 plan under part 8.”.

24 (e) SAVINGS CLAUSE.—Section 731(c) of such Act is
25 amended by inserting “or part 8” after “this part”.

1 (f) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect 1 year after the date of the
3 enactment of this Act. The Secretary of Labor shall first
4 issue all regulations necessary to carry out the amend-
5 ments made by this section within 6 months after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act.

7 **TITLE II**

8 **SEC. 201. THE PREVENTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH FUND.**

9 Subsection (b) of section 4002 of the Patient Protec-
10 tion and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 300u–11) is
11 amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “each of fiscal
13 years 2018 and 2019” and inserting “fiscal year
14 2018”; and

15 (2) by striking paragraphs (4) through (8).

16 **SEC. 202. SUPPORT FOR STATE RESPONSE TO OPIOID AND** 17 **SUBSTANCE ABUSE CRISIS.**

18 There is authorized to be appropriated, and is appro-
19 priated, to the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
20 out of monies in the Treasury not otherwise obligated—

21 (1) \$4,972,000,000 for each of fiscal years
22 2018 through 2026, to provide grants to States to
23 support substance use disorder treatment and recov-
24 ery support services for individuals who have or may
25 have mental or substance use disorders, including

1 counseling, medication assisted treatment, and other
2 substance abuse treatment and recovery services as
3 such Secretary determines appropriate; and

4 (2) \$50,400,000 for each of fiscal years 2018
5 through 2022, for research on addiction and pain re-
6 lated to the substance abuse crisis.

7 Funds appropriated under this section shall remain avail-
8 able until expended.

9 **SEC. 203. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM.**

10 Effective as if included in the enactment of the Medi-
11 care Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (Pub-
12 lic Law 114–10, 129 Stat. 87), paragraph (1) of section
13 221(a) of such Act is amended by inserting “, and an ad-
14 ditional \$422,000,000 for fiscal year 2017” after “2017”.

15 **SEC. 204. CHANGE IN PERMISSIBLE AGE VARIATION IN**
16 **HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM RATES.**

17 Section 2701(a)(1)(A)(iii) of the Public Health Serv-
18 ice Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg(a)(1)(A)(iii)) is amended by in-
19 serting after “(consistent with section 2707(c))” the fol-
20 lowing: “or, for plan years beginning on or after January
21 1, 2019, 5 to 1 for adults (consistent with section 2707(c))
22 or such other ratio for adults (consistent with section
23 2707(c)) as the State may determine”.

1 **SEC. 205. MEDICAL LOSS RATIO DETERMINED BY THE**
2 **STATE.**

3 Section 2718(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42
4 U.S.C. 300gg–18(b)) is amended by adding at the end the
5 following:

6 “(4) SUNSET.—Paragraphs (1) through (3) and
7 subsection (d) shall not apply for plan years begin-
8 ning on or after January 1, 2019, and after such
9 date any reference in law to such paragraphs and
10 subsection shall have no force or effect.

11 “(5) MEDICAL LOSS RATIO DETERMINED BY
12 THE STATE.—For plan years beginning on or after
13 January 1, 2019, each State shall—

14 “(A) set the ratio of the amount of pre-
15 mium revenue a health insurance issuer offering
16 group or individual health insurance coverage
17 may expend on non-claims costs to the total
18 amount of premium revenue; and

19 “(B) determine the amount of any annual
20 rebate required to be paid to enrollees under
21 such coverage if the ratio of the amount of pre-
22 mium revenue expended by the issuer on non-
23 claims costs to the total amount of premium
24 revenue exceeds the ratio set by the State under
25 subparagraph (A).”.

1 **SEC. 206. STABILIZING THE INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE MAR-**
2 **KETS.**

3 (a) ENROLLMENT WAITING PERIODS.—Section
4 2702(b)(1) of the Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C.
5 300gg–1(b)(1)) is amended by inserting “, and as de-
6 scribed in paragraph (3)” before the period.

7 (b) CREDITABLE COVERAGE REQUIREMENT.—Sec-
8 tion 2702(b)(2) of the Public Health Services Act (42
9 U.S.C. 300gg–1(b)(2)) is amended by striking “paragraph
10 (3)” and inserting “paragraph (4)”.

11 (c) APPLICATION OF WAITING PERIODS.—Section
12 2702(b) of the Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C.
13 300gg–1(b)) is amended—

14 (1) in paragraph (3)—

15 (A) by striking “with respect to enrollment
16 periods under paragraphs (1) and (2)”, insert-
17 ing “in accordance with this subsection”; and

18 (B) by redesignating such paragraph as
19 paragraph (4); and

20 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2), the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(3) WAITING PERIODS.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to health
24 insurance coverage that is effective on or after
25 January 1, 2019, a health insurance issuer de-
26 scribed in subsection (a) that offers such cov-

1 erage in the individual market shall impose a 6
2 month waiting period (as defined in the same
3 manner as such term is defined in section
4 2704(b)(4) for group health plans) on any indi-
5 vidual who enrolls in such coverage and who
6 cannot demonstrate—

7 “(i) in the case of an individual sub-
8 mitting an application during an open en-
9 rollment period, 12 months of continuous
10 creditable coverage without experiencing a
11 significant break in such coverage as de-
12 scribed in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
13 section 2704(c)(2); or

14 “(ii) in the case of an individual sub-
15 mitting an application during a special en-
16 rollment period—

17 “(I) 12 months of continuous
18 creditable coverage as described in
19 clause (i); or

20 “(II) at least 1 day of creditable
21 coverage during the 60-day period im-
22 mediately preceding the date of sub-
23 mission of such application.

24 “(B) INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN OTHER
25 COVERAGE.—Such a waiting period shall not

1 apply to an individual who is enrolled in health
2 insurance coverage in the individual market on
3 the day before the effective date of the coverage
4 in which the individual is newly enrolling.

5 “(C) WAITING PERIOD DESCRIBED.—For
6 purposes of subparagraph (A)—

7 “(i) in the case of an individual that
8 submits an application during an open en-
9 rollment period or under a special enroll-
10 ment period for which the individual quali-
11 fies, coverage under the plan begins on the
12 first day of the first month that begins 6
13 months after the date on which the indi-
14 vidual submits an application for health in-
15 surance coverage; and

16 “(ii) in the case of an individual that
17 submits an application outside of an open
18 enrollment period and does not qualify for
19 enrollment under a special enrollment pe-
20 riod, coverage under the plan begins on the
21 later of—

22 “(I) the first day of the first
23 month that begins 6 months after the
24 day on which the individual submits

1 an application for health insurance
2 coverage; or

3 “(II) the first day of the next
4 plan year.

5 “(D) CERTIFICATES OF CREDITABLE COV-
6 ERAGE.—The Secretary shall require health in-
7 surance issuers and health care sharing min-
8 istries (as defined in section 5000A(d)(2)(B) of
9 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) to provide
10 certification of periods of creditable coverage
11 and waiting periods, in a manner prescribed by
12 the Secretary, for purposes of verifying that the
13 continuous coverage requirements of subpara-
14 graph (A) are met.

15 “(E) CONTINUOUS CREDITABLE COVERAGE
16 DEFINED.—For purposes of this paragraph, the
17 term ‘creditable coverage’—

18 “(i) has the meaning given such term
19 in section 2704(c)(1); and

20 “(ii) includes membership in a health
21 care sharing ministry (as defined in section
22 5000A(d)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue
23 Code of 1986).

24 “(F) EXCEPTIONS.—Notwithstanding sub-
25 paragraph (A), a health insurance issuer may

1 not impose a waiting period with respect to the
2 following individuals:

3 “(i) A newborn who is enrolled in
4 such coverage within 30 days of the date
5 of birth.

6 “(ii) A child who is adopted or placed
7 for adoption before attaining 18 years of
8 age and who is enrolled in such coverage
9 within 30 days of the date of the adoption.

10 “(iii) Other individuals, as the Sec-
11 retary determines appropriate.”.

12 **SEC. 207. WAIVERS FOR STATE INNOVATION.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1332 of the Patient Pro-
14 tection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18052) is
15 amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1)—

18 (i) in subparagraph (B)—

19 (I) by amending clause (i) to
20 read as follows:

21 “(i) a description of how the State
22 plan meeting the requirements of a waiver
23 under this section would, with respect to
24 health insurance coverage within the
25 State—

1 “(I) take the place of the require-
2 ments described in paragraph (2) that
3 are waived; and

4 “(II) provide for alternative
5 means of, and requirements for, in-
6 creasing access to comprehensive cov-
7 erage, reducing average premiums,
8 providing consumers the freedom to
9 purchase the health insurance of their
10 choice, and increasing enrollment in
11 private health insurance; and”;

12 (II) in clause (ii), by striking
13 “that is budget neutral for the Fed-
14 eral Government” and inserting “,
15 demonstrating that the State plan
16 does not increase the Federal deficit”;
17 and

18 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
19 “the law” and inserting “a law or has in
20 effect a certification”;

21 (B) in paragraph (3)—

22 (i) in the first sentence, by inserting
23 “or would qualify for a reduction in” after
24 “would not qualify for”;

1 (ii) by adding after the second sen-
2 tence the following: “A State may request
3 that all of, or any portion of, such aggre-
4 gate amount of such credits or reductions
5 be paid to the State as described in the
6 first sentence.”;

7 (iii) in the paragraph heading, by
8 striking “PASS THROUGH OF FUNDING”
9 and inserting “FUNDING”;

10 (iv) by striking “With respect” and
11 inserting the following:

12 “(A) PASS THROUGH OF FUNDING.—With
13 respect”; and

14 (v) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(B) ADDITIONAL FUNDING.—There is au-
16 thorized to be appropriated, and is appro-
17 priated, to the Secretary of Health and Human
18 Services, out of monies in the Treasury not oth-
19 erwise obligated, \$2,000,000,000 for fiscal year
20 2017, to remain available until the end of fiscal
21 year 2019, to provide grants to States for pur-
22 poses of submitting an application for a waiver
23 granted under this section and implementing
24 the State plan under such waiver.

1 “(C) AUTHORITY TO USE LONG-TERM
2 STATE INNOVATION AND STABILITY ALLOT-
3 MENT.—If the State has an application for an
4 allotment under section 2105(i) of the Social
5 Security Act for the plan year, the State may
6 use the funds available under the State’s allot-
7 ment for the plan year to carry out the State
8 plan under this section, so long as such use is
9 consistent with the requirements of paragraphs
10 (1) and (7) of section 2105(i) of such Act
11 (other than paragraph (1)(B) of such section).
12 Any funds used to carry out a State plan under
13 this subparagraph shall not be considered in de-
14 termining whether the State plan increases the
15 Federal deficit.”; and

16 (C) in paragraph (4), by adding at the end
17 the following:

18 “(D) EXPEDITED PROCESS.—The Sec-
19 retary shall establish an expedited application
20 and approval process that may be used if the
21 Secretary determines that such expedited proc-
22 ess is necessary to respond to an urgent or
23 emergency situation with respect to health in-
24 surance coverage within a State.”;

25 (2) in subsection (b)—

1 (A) in paragraph (1)—

2 (i) in the matter preceding subpara-
3 graph (A)—

4 (I) by striking “may” and insert-
5 ing “shall”; and

6 (II) by striking “only if” and in-
7 serting “unless”; and

8 (ii) by striking “plan—” and all that
9 follows through the period at the end of
10 subparagraph (D) and inserting “applica-
11 tion is missing a required element under
12 subsection (a)(1) or that the State plan
13 will increase the Federal deficit, not taking
14 into account any amounts received through
15 a grant under subsection (a)(3)(B).”;

16 (B) in paragraph (2)—

17 (i) in the paragraph heading, by in-
18 serting “OR CERTIFY” after “LAW”;

19 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
20 before the period “, and a certification de-
21 scribed in this paragraph is a document,
22 signed by the Governor, and the State in-
23 surance commissioner, of the State, that
24 provides authority for State actions under
25 a waiver under this section, including the

1 implementation of the State plan under
2 subsection (a)(1)(B)”; and

3 (iii) in subparagraph (B)—

4 (I) in the subparagraph heading,
5 by striking “OF OPT OUT”; and

6 (II) by striking “ may repeal a
7 law” and all that follows through the
8 period at the end and inserting the
9 following: “may terminate the author-
10 ity provided under the waiver with re-
11 spect to the State by—

12 “(i) repealing a law described in sub-
13 paragraph (A); or

14 “(ii) terminating a certification de-
15 scribed in subparagraph (A), through a
16 certification for such termination signed by
17 the Governor, and the State insurance
18 commissioner, of the State.”;

19 (3) in subsection (d)(2)(B), by striking “and
20 the reasons therefore” and inserting “and the rea-
21 sons therefore, and provide the data on which such
22 determination was made”; and

23 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “No waiver”
24 and all that follows through the period at the end

1 and inserting the following: “A waiver under this
2 section—

3 “(1) shall be in effect for a period of 8 years
4 unless the State requests a shorter duration;

5 “(2) may be renewed for unlimited additional 8-
6 year periods upon application by the State; and

7 “(3) may not be cancelled by the Secretary be-
8 fore the expiration of the 8-year period (including
9 any renewal period under paragraph (2)).”.

10 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Section 1332 of the Patient
11 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18052)
12 shall apply as follows:

13 (1) In the case of a State for which a waiver
14 under such section was granted prior to the date of
15 enactment of this Act, such section 1332, as in ef-
16 fect on the day before the date of enactment of this
17 Act shall apply to the waiver and State plan.

18 (2) In the case of a State that submitted an ap-
19 plication for a waiver under such section prior to the
20 date of enactment of this Act, and which application
21 the Secretary of Health and Human Services has
22 not approved prior to such date, the State may elect
23 to have such section 1332, as in effect on the day
24 before the date of enactment of this Act, or such

1 section 1332, as amended by subsection (a), apply to
2 such application and State plan.

3 (3) In the case of a State that submits an ap-
4 plication for a waiver under such section on or after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, such section 1332,
6 as amended by subsection (a), shall apply to such
7 application and State plan.

8 **SEC. 208. ALLOWING ALL INDIVIDUALS PURCHASING**
9 **HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE INDIVIDUAL**
10 **MARKET THE OPTION TO PURCHASE A**
11 **LOWER PREMIUM CATASTROPHIC PLAN.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1302(e) of the Patient
13 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18022(e))
14 is amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(4) CONSUMER FREEDOM.—For plan years be-
16 ginning on or after January 1, 2019, paragraph
17 (1)(A) shall not apply with respect to any plan of-
18 fered in the State.”.

19 (b) RISK POOLS.—Section 1312(e) of the Patient
20 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(e))
21 is amended—

22 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and includ-
23 ing, with respect to plan years beginning on or after
24 January 1, 2019, enrollees in catastrophic plans de-
25 scribed in section 1302(e)” after “Exchange”; and

1 (2) in paragraph (2), by inserting “and includ-
2 ing, with respect to plan years beginning on or after
3 January 1, 2019, enrollees in catastrophic plans de-
4 scribed in section 1302(e)” after “Exchange”.

5 **SEC. 209. APPLICATION OF ENFORCEMENT PENALTIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2723 of the Public Health
7 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–22) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

9 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and of
10 section 1303 of the Patient Protection and Af-
11 fordable Care Act” after “this part”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (2), by inserting “or in
13 such section 1303” after “this part”; and

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) in paragraphs (1) and (2)(A), by in-
16 serting “or section 1303 of the Patient Protec-
17 tion and Affordable Care Act” after “this part”
18 each place such term appears;

19 (B) in paragraph (2)(C)(ii), by inserting
20 “and section 1303 of the Patient Protection
21 and Affordable Care Act” after “this part”.

22 (b) EFFECT OF WAIVER.—A State waiver pursuant
23 to section 1332 of the Patient Protection and Affordable
24 Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18052) shall not affect the authority

1 of the Secretary to impose penalties under section 2723
2 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–22).

3 **SEC. 210. FUNDING FOR COST-SHARING PAYMENTS.**

4 There is appropriated to the Secretary of Health and
5 Human Services, out of any money in the Treasury not
6 otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary
7 for payments for cost-sharing reductions authorized by the
8 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (including ad-
9 justments to any prior obligations for such payments) for
10 the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act
11 and ending on December 31, 2019. Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of this Act, payments and other actions
13 for adjustments to any obligations incurred for plan years
14 2018 and 2019 may be made through December 31, 2020.

15 **SEC. 211. REPEAL OF COST-SHARING SUBSIDY PROGRAM.**

16 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1402 of the Patient Pro-
17 tection and Affordable Care Act is repealed.

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The repeal made by sub-
19 section (a) shall apply to cost-sharing reductions (and pay-
20 ments to issuers for such reductions) for plan years begin-
21 ning after December 31, 2019.

[TITLE III]**2 [SEC. 301. ESTABLISHING FEDERAL FUNDING FOR INDI-**
3 VIDUAL MARKET PLANS.**4 [(a) Federal Funding for Individual Market Plans—**
5]

6 [(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-
7 sections (h) and (i) of section 2105 of the Social Se-
8 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee), the following
9 amounts from the amounts appropriated under such
10 subsections for a calendar year are hereby trans-
11 ferred and made available in such calendar year to
12 the Secretary of Health and Human Services (re-
13 ferred to in this subsection as the “Secretary”) for
14 the purpose described in paragraph (2):**]**

15 [(A) For years 2020 through 2026,
16 \$70,000,000,000 of the amounts appropriated
17 for each such calendar year under subsection
18 (i)(4)(A) of such section 2105.**]**

19 [(2) USE OF FUNDS.—The Secretary shall use
20 amounts allocated under paragraph (1) to establish
21 a Federal fund for the purpose of making payments
22 to health insurance issuers that offer a plan in ac-
23 cordance with subsection (b), to assist such health
24 insurance issuers in covering high risk individuals

1 enrolled in the qualified health plans in the rating
2 areas described in subsection (c)(2).】

3 【(A) The Secretary shall prioritize the use
4 of the amounts allocated under paragraph (1)
5 based on the percentage of rating areas in the
6 State that meet the conditions in paragraph (c);
7 and】

8 【(B) The Secretary shall prioritize the use
9 of the amounts allocated under paragraph (1)
10 to health plans certified under subsection (c)(2)
11 in states for which the provisions (1)-(6) de-
12 scribed in subsection (d) are not applicable.】

13 【(b) **FEDERALLY FUNDED PLANS.**—If a health in-
14 surance issuer (as defined in section 2791(b)(2) of the
15 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91(b)(2))
16 meets the conditions of subsection (c) for any of plan years
17 2020 through 2026 with respect to an entire rating area
18 within a State (as defined in section 2701(a)(2) of the
19 Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 300gg(a)(2)), the
20 provisions described in subsection (d) shall be treated as
21 not applying or in effect (directly or through reference)
22 for those plan years to health insurance coverage offered
23 off the Exchange by such issuer in the individual market
24 in the rating area in the State for such plan year (other

1 than with respect to health plans certified under sub-
2 section (c)(2)).**】**

3 **【(c) CONDITIONS FOR FEDERALLY FUNDED**
4 **PLANS.—**The conditions of this subsection for a health in-
5 surance issuer for a plan year are that the health insur-
6 ance issuer, on or before May 3 of the calendar year pre-
7 ceding the plan year involved—**】**

8 **【(1) notifies the Secretary and the applicable**
9 **State insurance commissioner of the issuer’s inten-**
10 **tion to apply subsection (b) with respect to health**
11 **insurance coverage in a rating area within a State**
12 **for such plan year; and】**

13 **【(2) certifies to the Secretary that such issuer**
14 **will make available through the Exchange in the rat-**
15 **ing area in the State in such plan year at least—**
16 **】**

17 **【(A) one gold level and one silver level**
18 **qualified health plan (as described in section**
19 **1302(d)(1) of the Patient Protection and Af-**
20 **fordable Care Act, 42 U.S.C. 18022(d)(1));**
21 **and】**

22 **【(B) one health plan that provides the**
23 **level of coverage described in section**
24 **36B(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code**
25 **of 1986.】**

1 **[(d) NON-APPLICABLE PROVISIONS DESCRIBED.—**
2 The provisions described in this subsection are the fol-
3 lowing:】

4 **[(1) Subsection (d) of section 1302 of the Pa-**
5 **tient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C.**
6 **18022); except for the purposes of applying section**
7 **1302(b) to sections 1252, 1301(a)(2),**
8 **1312(d)(3)(D), 1331, 1333, and 1334 of such Act,**
9 **subsection (b) of such section 1302; and subsection**
10 **(c)(1)(B) of such section 1302.】**

11 **[(2) Section 2701(a)(1) of the Public Health**
12 **Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg(a)(1)).】**

13 **[(3) Section 2702(a) through 2702(b)(2) of the**
14 **Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 300gg–**
15 **1(a)–(b)(2)).】**

16 **[(4) Section 2704 of the Public Health Service**
17 **Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 300gg–3).】**

18 **[(5) Sections 2705(a) through 2705(j) of the**
19 **Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 300gg–**
20 **4(a)–(j)).】**

21 **[(6) Section 2707 of the Public Health Service**
22 **Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–6).】**

23 **[(7) Section 2708 of the Public Health Service**
24 **Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–7).】**

1 **[(8) Section 2713(a) of the Public Health Serv-**
2 **ice Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–13(a)).]**

3 **[(9) Section 2718(b)(1) of the Public Health**
4 **Service Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 300gg–18(b)(1)).]**

5 **[(e) APPLICATION OF PREMIUM TAX CREDIT AND**
6 **ADVANCE PAYMENT PROVISIONS.—In the case of any tax-**
7 **payer who is a resident of a rating area in a State in which**
8 **a health insurance issuer meets the conditions of sub-**
9 **section (c) for any of plan years 2020 through 2026 and**
10 **who enrolls in a plan offered in accordance with subsection**
11 **(b), in the respective plan year—]**

12 **[(1) the premium tax credit described in sec-**
13 **tion 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall**
14 **not be available for such plan; and]**

15 **[(2) such taxpayer may use a health savings**
16 **account (within the meaning of section 223 of the**
17 **Internal Revenue Code of 1986) to pay premiums**
18 **for such plan.]**

19 **[(A) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (C) of**
20 **section 223(d)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code**
21 **of 1986 is amended by adding at the end the**
22 **following flush sentence:]**

23 **[“(1) “A high deductible health plan shall not**
24 **be treated as described in clause (v) if such plan in-**
25 **cludes coverage for abortions (other than any abor-**

1 tion necessary to save the life of the mother or any
2 abortion with respect to a pregnancy that is the re-
3 sult of an act of rape or incest).”.]

4 **[(B) EFFECTIVE DATE.—**The amendment
5 made by paragraph (e)(2)(A) shall apply with
6 respect to coverage under a high deductible
7 health plan beginning after calendar December
8 31, 2019.]

9 **[(f) APPLICATION OF STATE LAW.—**Nothing in this
10 section shall exempt a health insurance issuer from the
11 applicable State requirements with respect to any health
12 coverage offered in a State.]

13 **[(g) CONTINUOUS COVERAGE.—**For purposes of sec-
14 tion 2702(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
15 300gg–1), coverage under a health plan offered in accord-
16 ance with subsection (b) shall not be deemed creditable
17 coverage, as defined in section 2704(c) of the Public
18 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–3(c)).]

19 **[(h) NONAPPLICATION OF RISK ADJUSTMENT PRO-**
20 GRAM.—Section 1343 of the Patient Protection and Af-
21 fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18063) shall not apply to
22 health insurance coverage offered in accordance with sub-
23 section (b) or to the issuer of such coverage with respect
24 to that coverage.]

1 **[(i) FUNDING FOR OTHER PLANS OFFERED IN THE**
2 STATE.—If a health insurance issuer offers coverage in
3 accordance with subsection (b) in a State for a plan year
4 and such State receives an allotment under subsection (h)
5 or (i) of section 2105 of the Social Security Act for such
6 plan year, the State may use the funds available under
7 the State’s allotment for the plan year to reduce premiums
8 with respect to any qualified health plan offered in the
9 State, as described in subsection (c)(2), so long as such
10 use is consistent with such subsection (h) or (i) of 2105
11 of the Social Security Act.]

12 **[(j) EFFECT OF WAIVER.—**A State that receives a
13 waiver under section 1332 of the Patient Protection and
14 Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18052) shall not be per-
15 mitted to receive pass through funding under subsection
16 (a)(3)(C) of such section either to provide assistance to
17 individuals who enroll in health plans offered in accord-
18 ance with subsection (b) or to make payments to issuers
19 for any health plans offered in accordance with subsection
20 (b).]

21 **[(k) WAIVER OF ACTUARIAL VALUE STANDARD FOR**
22 BENCHMARK PLANS.—Section 36B(b)(3)(B) of the Inter-
23 nal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by this Act, is
24 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:
25 “If, for any plan year, the Secretary of the Treasury, in

1 consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human
2 Services, determines that there will be no plan offered in
3 a rating area in the individual market that meets the level
4 of coverage described in clause (i), the Secretary of the
5 Treasury may increase the 58 percent amount in such
6 clause.”.]

7 **[(1) FUNDING FOR STATES.—**Section 2105(i) of the
8 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee(i)), as added by
9 section 106(a), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new paragraph:]

11 **[(8) REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT ALLOT-**
12 **MENTS FOR STATES WITH FEDERALLY FUNDED IN-**
13 **DIVIDUAL MARKET PLANS.—]**

14 **[(A) APPROPRIATION.—**In addition to
15 the amounts appropriated for allotments under
16 paragraph (4)(A), there is appropriated, out of
17 any money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
18 propriated, \$2,000,000,000 for the period be-
19 ginning on January 1, 2020, and ending on De-
20 cember 31, 2026, for the purpose of providing
21 additional allotments for States in which a
22 health insurance issuer offers coverage in ac-
23 cordance with section 301(b) of the Better Care
24 Reconciliation Act. Amounts paid to any such
25 State from such an additional allotment shall be

1 used to offset costs attributable to the State’s
2 regulation and oversight of such coverage.】

3 【“(B) PROCEDURE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF
4 FUNDS.—The Administrator shall determine an
5 appropriate procedure for providing and distrib-
6 uting funds under this paragraph.】

7 【“(C) APPLICATION.—Paragraphs (2), (3),
8 (5)(C), (5)(D), and (7) apply to the additional
9 allotments made available under this paragraph
10 in the same manner as such paragraphs apply
11 to the allotments determined under paragraph
12 (4)(B).】

13 【“(D) NO MATCH; NO REDISTRIBUTION OF
14 FUNDS.—Neither the State percentage applica-
15 ble to payments to States under paragraph
16 (5)(B) nor any other matching requirement
17 shall apply to funds provided to States under
18 this paragraph and funds allotted to a State
19 under this paragraph shall remain available for
20 expenditure by the State through December 31,
21 2026.”.】

22 【(m) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in this
23 section, the amendments made by this section shall apply
24 to calendar years beginning after December 31, 2019.】