

116TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 6797

To increase support for State Children's Health Insurance programs during the COVID-19 emergency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 8, 2020

Ms. Wild (for herself, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Michael F. Doyle of Pennsylvania, Ms. Dean, Ms. Scanlon, Mr. Grijalva, Mrs. Napolitano, Ms. Jackson Lee, Ms. Moore, Mr. Gonzalez of Texas, Mr. Hastings, Ms. Norton, Ms. Wilson of Florida, Mr. Neguse, Ms. Porter, Mr. Horsford, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Raskin, Mrs. McBath, Mr. Morelle, Mr. Ryan, Mr. Soto, Mr. Kilmer, Mrs. Axne, Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Luria, Mr. Payne, Mr. Larson of Connecticut, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Brown of Maryland, Ms. Tlaib, Mr. Evans, Mr. Lamb, Ms. Finkenauer, Ms. Houlahan, Mr. Cox of California, Ms. Spanberger, Ms. Barragán, Ms. Roybal-Allard, Mrs. Beatty, Mr. San Nicolas, Mr. Danny K. Davis of Illinois, Ms. Johnson of Texas, Mr. Costa, Mr. Carson of Indiana, Mr. Crow, and Ms. Fudge) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2	This Act may be cited as the "Children's Health In-
3	surance Program Pandemic Enhancement and Relief Act"
4	or the "CHIPPER Act".
5	SEC. 2. INCREASING THE CHIP ENHANCED FMAP TO HELP
6	STATES RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PAN-
7	DEMIC.
8	Section 2105(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9	1397ee(b)) is amended—
10	(1) by striking "For purposes of subsection
11	(a)," and inserting the following:
12	"(1) In general.—For purposes of subsection
13	(a),'';
14	(2) in the second sentence—
15	(A) by inserting ", subject to paragraph
16	(2)," after "23 percentage points, and"; and
17	(B) by striking "September 30, 2020" and
18	inserting "September 30, 2021"; and
19	(3) by adding at the end the following new
20	paragraph:
21	"(2) REQUIREMENTS.—During the period that
22	begins on October 1, 2020, and ends on September
23	30, 2021, a State shall not receive the increase de-
24	scribed in the second sentence of paragraph (1) to
25	the enhanced FMAP for such State, with respect to
26	a quarter that occurs during such period, if—

1 "(A) the amount of any premium imposed 2 by the State under the State child health plan 3 (or a waiver of such plan) during such quarter, 4 with respect to an individual enrolled under 5 such plan (or waiver), exceeds the amount of 6 such premium as of January 1, 2020;

"(B) the State fails to provide that an individual who is enrolled for benefits under such plan (or waiver) as of the date of enactment of this paragraph or enrolls for benefits under such plan (or waiver) during the period beginning on such date of enactment and ending on the last day of the month in which the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) ends shall be treated as eligible for such benefits through the end of the month in which such emergency period ends unless the individual requests a voluntary termination of eligibility or the individual ceases to be a resident of the State;

"(C) the State does not provide coverage under such plan (or waiver), without the imposition of cost sharing, during such quarter for any testing services and treatments for

1	COVID-19, including vaccines, specialized
2	equipment, and therapies;
3	"(D) the State imposes a waiting period
4	under the State child health plan prior to the
5	provision of child health assistance to a tar-
6	geted low-income child; or
7	"(E) the State fails to take active meas-
8	ures (as determined by the Secretary) to iden-
9	tify and re-enroll children who are eligible for
10	child health assistance under the State plan and
11	who were previously enrolled in such plan.".

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