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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make permanent the protections under Medicaid for recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CASEY (for himself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, and Ms. DUCKWORTH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Married
5 Seniors From Impoverishment Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MAKING PERMANENT THE PROTECTION UNDER**
 2 **MEDICAID FOR RECIPIENTS OF HOME AND**
 3 **COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AGAINST**
 4 **SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1924(h)(1)(A) of the So-
 6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–5(h)(1)(A)) is amend-
 7 ed by striking “(at the option of the State) is described
 8 in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI)” and inserting the fol-
 9 lowing: “is eligible for medical assistance for home and
 10 community-based services provided under subsection (c),
 11 (d), or (i) of section 1915, under a waiver approved under
 12 section 1115, or who is eligible for such medical assistance
 13 by reason of being determined eligible under section
 14 1902(a)(10)(C) or by reason of section 1902(f) or other-
 15 wise on the basis of a reduction of income based on costs
 16 incurred for medical or other remedial care, or who is eligi-
 17 ble for medical assistance for home and community-based
 18 attendant services and supports under section 1915(k)”.

19 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 2404 of the
 20 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C.
 21 1396r–5 note) is amended by striking “September 30,
 22 2023” and inserting “the date of the enactment of the
 23 Protecting Married Seniors From Impoverishment Act”.

24 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in section
 25 1924 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–5) or
 26 section 1902(a)(17) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(17))

1 shall be construed as prohibiting a State from applying
2 an income or resource disregard authorized under section
3 1902(r)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(r)(2))—

4 (1) to the income or resources of individuals de-
5 scribed in section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI) of such Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(VI)) (including a
7 disregard of the income or resources of such individ-
8 ual's spouse); or

9 (2) on the basis of an individual's need for
10 home and community-based services authorized
11 under subsection (c), (d), (i), or (k) of section 1915
12 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n) or under section
13 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315).

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