

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4005

AN ACT

To promote State innovations to ease transitions to the community for individuals who are inmates of a public institution and eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program.

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 “Medicaid Reentry
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. PROMOTING STATE INNOVATIONS TO EASE TRANSI-**
5 **TIONS INTEGRATION TO THE COMMUNITY**
6 **FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.**

7 (a) STAKEHOLDER GROUP DEVELOPMENT OF BEST
8 PRACTICES; MEDICAID INNOVATION ACCELERATOR PRO-
9 GRAM.—

10 (1) STAKEHOLDER GROUP BEST PRACTICES.—

11 Not later than 6 months after the date of the enact-
12 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and
13 Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group
14 of representatives of managed care organizations,
15 Medicaid beneficiaries, health care providers, the
16 National Association of Medicaid Directors, and
17 other relevant representatives from local, State, and
18 Federal jail and prison systems to develop best prac-
19 tices (and submit to the Secretary and Congress a
20 report on such best practices) for States—

21 (A) to ease the health care-related transi-
22 tion of an individual who is an inmate of a pub-
23 lic institution from the public institution to the
24 community, including best practices for ensur-
25 ing continuity of health insurance coverage or
26 coverage under the State Medicaid plan under

1 title XIX of the Social Security Act, as applica-
2 ble, and relevant social services; and

3 (B) to carry out, with respect to such an
4 individual, such health care-related transition
5 not later than 30 days after such individual is
6 released from the public institution.

7 (2) STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM INNOVATION.—

8 The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall
9 work with States on innovative strategies to help in-
10 dividuals who are inmates of public institutions and
11 otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the
12 Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Se-
13 curity Act transition, with respect to enrollment for
14 medical assistance under such program, seamlessly
15 to the community.

16 (b) GUIDANCE ON INNOVATIVE SERVICE DELIVERY
17 SYSTEMS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES.—

18 Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of
19 this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
20 through the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare &
21 Medicaid Services, shall issue a State Medicaid Director
22 letter, based on best practices developed under subsection
23 (a)(1), regarding opportunities to design demonstration
24 projects under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42
25 U.S.C. 1315) to improve care transitions for certain indi-

1 individuals who are soon-to-be former inmates of a public in-
2 stitution and who are otherwise eligible to receive medical
3 assistance under title XIX of such Act, including systems
4 for, with respect to a period (not to exceed 30 days) imme-
5 diately prior to the day on which such individuals are ex-
6 pected to be released from such institution—

7 (1) providing assistance and education for en-
8 rollment under a State plan under the Medicaid pro-
9 gram under title XIX of such Act for such individ-
10 uals during such period; and

11 (2) providing health care services for such indi-
12 viduals during such period.

13 (c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing under title
14 XIX of the Social Security Act or any other provision of
15 law precludes a State from reclassifying or suspending
16 (rather than terminating) eligibility of an individual for
17 medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security
18 Act while such individual is an inmate of a public institu-
19 tion.

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Attest:

Clerk.

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