

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1323

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits under the Medicaid program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 2, 2017

Mr. COLLINS of New York (for himself and Mr. FLORES) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reducing Unnecessary
5 Emergency Room Visits under Medicaid Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. STATE OPTION TO IMPOSE HIGHER COST SHARING**
7 **FOR NONEMERGENCY USE OF EMERGENCY**
8 **ROOM SERVICES.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1916 of the Social Secu-
10 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(3), by striking “up to
 2 twice the nominal amount” and inserting “up to
 3 \$25”; and

4 (2) in subsection (b)(3), by striking “up to
 5 twice the nominal amount” and inserting “up to
 6 \$25”.

7 (b) STATE OPTION FOR ALTERNATIVE PREMIUMS
 8 AND COST SHARING.—Section 1916A(e)(2) of the Social
 9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o–1(e)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “twice the
 11 amount determined to be nominal under section
 12 1916” and inserting “the amount specified in para-
 13 graph (3) of subsection (a) or (b) (as applicable) of
 14 section 1916 with respect to non-emergency serv-
 15 ices”; and

16 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking “a nomi-
 17 nal amount (as otherwise determined under section
 18 1916)” and inserting “the amount specified in para-
 19 graph (3) of subsection (a) or (b) (as applicable) of
 20 section 1916 with respect to non-emergency serv-
 21 ices”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 23 this section shall apply with respect to items and services
 24 furnished on or after October 1, 2017.

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