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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STUPAK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Commerce

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## 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 "CHIP Data and Eval-  
5 uation Improvement Act of 1999".

1 **SEC. 2. FUNDING FOR RELIABLE ANNUAL STATE-BY-STATE**  
2 **ESTIMATES ON THE NUMBER OF CHILDREN**  
3 **WHO DO NOT HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE COV-**  
4 **ERAGE.**

5 Section 2108 of the Social Security Act (42  
6 U.S.C.1397hh) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 “(c) ADJUSTMENT TO CURRENT POPULATION SUR-  
9 VEY TO INCLUDE STATE-BY-STATE DATA RELATING TO  
10 CHILDREN WITHOUT HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Com-  
12 merce shall make appropriate adjustments to the an-  
13 nual Current Population Survey conducted by the  
14 Bureau of the Census in order to produce statis-  
15 tically reliable annual State data on the number of  
16 low-income children who do not have health insur-  
17 ance coverage, so that real changes in the  
18 uninsurance rates of children can reasonably be de-  
19 tected. The Current Population Survey should  
20 produce data under this subsection that categorizes  
21 such children by family income, age, and race or eth-  
22 nicity. The adjustments made to produce such data  
23 shall include, where appropriate, expanding the sam-  
24 ple size used in the State sampling units, expanding  
25 the number of sampling units in a State, and an ap-  
26 propriate verification element.



1           “(2) SURVEY DESIGN AND CONTENT.—

2                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out para-  
3 graph (1), the Secretary, acting through the  
4 Center—

5                           “(i) shall obtain input from appro-  
6 priate sources, including States, in design-  
7 ing the survey and making content deci-  
8 sions; and

9                           “(ii) at the request of a State, may  
10 collect additional data to assist with a  
11 State’s evaluation of the program estab-  
12 lished under this title.

13                   “(B) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OF ADDI-  
14 TIONAL DATA.—A State shall reimburse the  
15 Center for services provided under subpara-  
16 graph (A)(ii).

17           “(3) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any money in  
18 the Treasury of the United States not otherwise ap-  
19 propriated, there are appropriated \$9,000,000 for  
20 fiscal year 2000 and each fiscal year thereafter for  
21 the purpose of carrying out this subsection.”.

1 **SEC. 4. FEDERAL EVALUATION OF STATE CHILDREN'S**  
2 **HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS.**

3 Section 2108 of the Social Security Act (42  
4 U.S.C.1397hh), as amended by sections 2 and 3, is  
5 amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as  
7 subsections (d) and (e), respectively; and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10 “(c) FEDERAL EVALUATION.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, directly or  
12 through contracts or interagency agreements, shall  
13 conduct an independent evaluation of 10 States with  
14 approved child health plans.

15 “(2) SELECTION OF STATES.—In selecting  
16 States for the evaluation conducted under this sub-  
17 section, the Secretary shall choose 10 States that  
18 utilize diverse approaches to providing child health  
19 assistance, represent various geographic areas (in-  
20 cluding a mix of rural and urban areas), and contain  
21 a significant portion of uncovered children.

22 “(3) MATTERS INCLUDED.—In addition to the  
23 elements described in subsection (b)(1), the evalua-  
24 tion conducted under this subsection shall include,  
25 but is not limited to, the following:

1           “(A) Surveys of the target population (en-  
2           rollees, disenrollees, and individuals eligible for  
3           but not enrolled in the program under this  
4           title).

5           “(B) Evaluation of effective and ineffective  
6           outreach and enrollment practices with respect  
7           to children (for both the program under this  
8           title and the medicaid program under title  
9           XIX), and identification of enrollment barriers  
10          and key elements of effective outreach and en-  
11          rollment practices, including practices that have  
12          successfully enrolled hard-to-reach populations  
13          such as children who are eligible for medical as-  
14          sistance under title XIX but have not been en-  
15          rolled previously in the medicaid program under  
16          that title.

17          “(C) Evaluation of the extent to which  
18          State medicaid eligibility practices and proce-  
19          dures under the medicaid program under title  
20          XIX are a barrier to the enrollment of children  
21          under that program, and the extent to which  
22          coordination (or lack of coordination) between  
23          that program and the program under this title  
24          affects the enrollment of children under both  
25          programs.

1           “(D) An assessment of the effect of cost-  
2           sharing on utilization, enrollment, and coverage  
3           retention.

4           “(E) Evaluation of disenrollment or other  
5           retention issues, such as switching to private  
6           coverage, failure to pay premiums, or barriers  
7           in the recertification process.

8           “(4) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later  
9           than December 31, 2001, the Secretary shall submit  
10          to Congress the results of the evaluation conducted  
11          under this subsection.

12          “(5) FUNDING.—Out of any money in the  
13          Treasury of the United States not otherwise appro-  
14          priated, there are appropriated \$10,000,000 for fis-  
15          cal year 2000 for the purpose of conducting the eval-  
16          uation authorized under this subsection. Amounts  
17          appropriated under this paragraph shall remain  
18          available without fiscal year limitation.”.

19 **SEC. 5. STANDARDIZED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR**  
20 **ANNUAL REPORTS.**

21          Section 2108(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
22 1397hh(a)) is amended by—

23               (1) redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as  
24               subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively and indent-  
25               ing appropriately;

1           (2) by striking “The State shall—” and insert-  
2           ing the following

3           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The State shall—”; and

4           (3) by adding at the end the following:

5           “(2) STANDARDIZED REPORTING REQUIRE-  
6           MENTS.—Each annual report submitted under this  
7           subsection shall, in addition to expenditure and  
8           other reporting requirements specified by the Sec-  
9           retary, include the following:

10           “(A) Enrollee counts categorized by income  
11           (that at least identifies enrollees with income  
12           below the poverty line), age, and race or eth-  
13           nicity, and, if income levels used in State re-  
14           porting differ from that prescribed by the Sec-  
15           retary, a detailed description of the eligibility  
16           methodologies used by the State, including all  
17           relevant income disregards, exempted income,  
18           and eligibility family units.

19           “(B) The annual percentages of those indi-  
20           viduals who sought coverage (as determined by  
21           the Secretary) through the screening and enroll-  
22           ment process established under the State pro-  
23           gram under this title who were—

24           “(i) enrolled in the program under  
25           this title;

1 “(ii) enrolled in the medicaid program  
2 under title XIX; or

3 “(iii) determined eligible for, but not  
4 enrolled in, the program under this title or  
5 the medicaid program under title XIX.”.

6 **SEC. 6. INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT AND GAO REPORT ON**  
7 **ENROLLEES ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID.**

8 Section 2108 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 1397hh), as amended by section 4, is amended by adding  
10 at the end the following:

11 “(f) INSPECTOR GENERAL AUDIT AND GAO RE-  
12 PORT.—

13 “(1) AUDIT.—Beginning with fiscal year 2000,  
14 and every third fiscal year thereafter, the Secretary,  
15 through the Inspector General of the Department of  
16 Health and Human Services, shall audit a sample  
17 from among the States described in paragraph (2)  
18 in order to—

19 “(A) determine the number, if any,  
20 of enrollees under the plan under this title who  
21 are eligible for medical assistance under title  
22 XIX (other than as an optional targeted  
23 low-income children under section  
24 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIV)); and

1           “(B) assess the progress made in reducing  
2           the number of targeted uncovered low-income  
3           children relative to the goals established in the  
4           State child health plan, as reported to the Sec-  
5           retary in accordance with subsection (a)(2).

6           “(2) STATE DESCRIBED.—A State described in  
7           this paragraph is a State with an approved State  
8           child health plan under this title that does not, as  
9           part of such plan, provide health benefits coverage  
10          under the State’s medicaid program under title XIX.

11          “(3) MONITORING AND REPORT FROM GAO.—  
12          The Comptroller General of the United States shall  
13          monitor the audits conducted under this subsection  
14          and, not later than March 1 of each fiscal year after  
15          a fiscal year in which an audit is conducted under  
16          this subsection, shall submit a report to Congress on  
17          the results of the audit conducted during the prior  
18          fiscal year.”.

19 **SEC. 7. COORDINATION OF DATA COLLECTION WITH DATA**  
20 **REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE MATERNAL AND**  
21 **CHILD HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT.**

22          Subparagraphs (C)(ii) and (D)(ii) of section  
23 506(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 706(a)(2))  
24 are each amended by inserting “or the State plan under  
25 title XXI” after “title XIX”.

1 **SEC. 8. COORDINATION OF DATA SURVEYS AND REPORTS.**

2       The Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
3 through the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evalua-  
4 tion, shall establish a clearinghouse for the consolidation  
5 and coordination of all Federal data bases and reports re-  
6 garding children's health.

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