

106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 1656

To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permit children covered under a State child health plan (SCHIP) to continue to be eligible for benefits under the vaccine for children program.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 1999

Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mrs. BOXER) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. PERMITTING CHILDREN COVERED UNDER A**
2 **STATE CHILD HEALTH PLAN (SCHIP) TO BE**
3 **ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS UNDER THE VAC-**
4 **CINE FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 2109(a) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ii(a)) is amended by adding
7 at the end the following new paragraph:

8 “(3) **VACCINE FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.**—A
9 child shall not be considered as ‘insured’ for pur-
10 poses of applying section 1928(b)(2)(A)(ii) by reason
11 of having obtained health benefits coverage under
12 this title.”.

13 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
14 subsection (a) applies with respect to vaccines adminis-
15 tered on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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