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# H. R. 3684

To amend the Social Security Act to establish an outpatient prescription drug assistance program for low-income Medicare beneficiaries.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SIMMONS (for himself, Ms. HART, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. FORBES, and Mr. PLATTS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Social Security Act to establish an outpatient prescription drug assistance program for low-income Medicare beneficiaries.

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 “Immediate Helping  
5 Hand Prescription Drug Assistance Act of 2002”.

1 **SEC. 2. OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSISTANCE**  
2 **PROGRAM.**

3 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Social Security Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 301 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the  
5 following new title:

6 **“TITLE XXII—OUTPATIENT PRE-**  
7 **SCRIPTION DRUG ASSIST-**  
8 **ANCE PROGRAM**

9 **“SEC. 2201. PURPOSE: OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG**  
10 **ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.**

11 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The purpose of this title is to  
12 provide funding for States to establish a program to pro-  
13 vide assistance to low-income medicare beneficiaries (as  
14 defined in section 2212(a)(4)), or to provide assistance to  
15 such beneficiaries through a State plan under title XIX  
16 or through part C of title XVII.

17 “(b) ENTITLEMENT.—Subject to subsection (c)(2),  
18 this title constitutes budget authority in advance of appro-  
19 priations Acts and represents the obligation of the Federal  
20 Government to provide for the payment to the program  
21 sponsors described in section 2212(a)(9), of the amounts  
22 provided under section 2206.

23 “(c) PERIOD OF APPLICABILITY.—

24 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No program sponsor may  
25 receive payments under section 2207 for outpatient  
26 prescription drug assistance provided before the date

1 of enactment of this Act, or after September 30,  
2 2008.

3 “(2) **MEDICARE REFORM.**—If legislation that  
4 includes comprehensive medicare coverage for out-  
5 patient prescription drugs for all beneficiaries is en-  
6 acted during the period that begins on the date of  
7 enactment of this Act and ends on September 30,  
8 2008, this title shall be repealed upon the effective  
9 date of such legislation, and no program sponsor  
10 shall be entitled to receive payments for any out-  
11 patient prescription drug assistance provided on or  
12 after such date.

13 **“SEC. 2202. BENEFICIARY ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT.**

14 “(a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—

15 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—In order for a State to re-  
16 ceive payments under section 2207 with respect to  
17 an outpatient prescription drug assistance program,  
18 the program must provide, subject to the availability  
19 of funds, outpatient prescription drug assistance to  
20 each individual who—

21 “(A) is a resident of the State (as defined  
22 in section 2212(a)(10);

23 “(B) is a low-income medicare beneficiary  
24 (as defined in section 2212(a)(4); and

25 “(C) applies for such assistance.

1           (2) LEGACY BENEFICIARIES.—In the case of a  
2           State that has an existing comprehensive state-based  
3           program, as defined in section 2212(a)(2), that pro-  
4           vides outpatient prescription drug coverage for indi-  
5           viduals described in paragraph (1)(A) (“Legacy  
6           Beneficiaries”), the State is required to provide out-  
7           patient prescription drug assistance for all such  
8           beneficiaries residing in that state who were eligible  
9           for such coverage on the date of enactment of this  
10          Act, notwithstanding that any such beneficiaries  
11          have incomes exceeding the income eligibility level  
12          specified by section 2212(a)(4)(C).

13           “(3) INDIVIDUAL NONENTITLEMENT.—Nothing  
14          in this title shall be construed as providing an indi-  
15          vidual with an entitlement to outpatient prescription  
16          drug assistance provided under this title.

17          “(b) ENROLLMENT OF ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—  
18          States shall develop procedures designed to encourage and  
19          facilitate enrollment in their outpatient prescription drug  
20          assistance programs, including but not limited to the fol-  
21          lowing:

22           “(1) Developing a streamlined application proc-  
23          ess that is capable of being administered separately  
24          from processes used to enroll individuals in medicaid  
25          or other public assistance programs;

1           “(2) Ensuring that eligible individuals may ob-  
2           tain benefit information and application materials in  
3           a wide variety of settings, such as physicians offices,  
4           pharmacies, health clinics, senior community centers,  
5           and public libraries; and

6           “(3) Developing an outreach program designed  
7           to raise awareness of the availability of benefits, eli-  
8           gibility requirements, and application procedures  
9           under this title among all eligible individuals.

10 **“SEC. 2203. COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS.**

11           “(a) REQUIRED SCOPE OF COVERAGE.—

12           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The outpatient prescription  
13           drug assistance provided by a program sponsor shall  
14           provide coverage of all covered outpatient drugs, as  
15           defined in section 1927(k)(2).

16           “(2) PERMISSIBLE EXCLUSIONS.—A program  
17           sponsor may exclude coverage of any outpatient drug  
18           described under section 1927(d)(2).

19           “(3) EXCLUSION OF DRUGS COVERED UNDER  
20           PART B.—No coverage shall be provided under this  
21           part for outpatient prescription drugs that are cov-  
22           ered under part B of title XVIII as of the date of  
23           enactment of this Act.

1           “(4) MORE GENEROUS COVERAGE.—Nothing  
2 shall preclude a State from offering more generous  
3 coverage that the coverage described in this section.

4           “(b) COVERAGE RESTRICTIONS AND OTHER BEN-  
5 EFIT LIMITATIONS.—

6           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A drug prescribed for an  
7 individual that would otherwise be a covered out-  
8 patient drug under this part may be excluded or  
9 subject to coverage restrictions and other benefit  
10 limitations only if the program sponsor meets the re-  
11 quirements of subsection (b)(3) (including providing  
12 an appeals process) with respect to such restrictions  
13 of limitations.

14           “(2) SCOPE OF THIS SUBSECTION.—Coverage  
15 restrictions and benefit limitations to which sub-  
16 section (b)(1) would apply include, without limita-  
17 tion, any mechanism the purpose of which or result  
18 of is to differentiate among drugs in the same cat-  
19 egory or class that are not bioequivalent and phar-  
20 maceutically equivalent, whether through a prior au-  
21 thorization requirement, preferred drug list, tiered  
22 or differential copayment structure or other differen-  
23 tials in beneficiary cost-sharing requirements.

24           “(3) REQUIREMENTS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND  
25 APPLICATION OF COVERAGE RESTRICTIONS AND

1 OTHER BENEFIT LIMITATIONS.—Insofar as a pro-  
2 gram sponsor excludes or otherwise subjects any  
3 otherwise covered outpatient drug to coverage re-  
4 strictions or benefit limitations, the following re-  
5 quirement must be met—

6 “(A) PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERA-  
7 PEUTIC COMMITTEE.—The sponsor shall estab-  
8 lish a pharmaceutical and therapeutic com-  
9 mittee (“Committee”), which shall include, at a  
10 minimum, practicing physicians (including spe-  
11 ciality physicians), pharmacists, and others who  
12 are independent of the program sponsor and  
13 have expertise in the care of elderly or disabled  
14 persons.

15 “(B) PROCEDURES FOR ESTABLISHING  
16 COVERAGE RESTRICTIONS OR BENEFIT LIMITA-  
17 TIONS.—

18 “(i) A covered outpatient drug may be  
19 excluded, or made subject to other cov-  
20 erage restrictions or benefit limitations,  
21 with respect to the treatment of a specific  
22 disease or condition, if the Committee de-  
23 termines, based on reliable scientific evi-  
24 dence, that the drug does not have a sig-  
25 nificant, clinically meaningful therapeutic

1 advantage over other drugs in the same  
2 category or class and the Committee’s de-  
3 termination is set forth in a written record  
4 that includes a specific explanation of the  
5 scientific and clinical bases for the deter-  
6 mination.

7 “(ii) Notwithstanding subsection  
8 (b)(3)(B)(i), no coverage restrictions or  
9 benefit limitations shall apply with respect  
10 to a drug when prescribed for a beneficiary  
11 who is part of an identified population for  
12 which such drug has been determined to  
13 have a significant, clinically meaningful  
14 therapeutic advantage over alternative  
15 treatments.

16 “(C) MEDICAL EXCEPTIONS PROCESS.—

17 The program sponsor shall have, as part of the  
18 appeals process under subsection 2205(b)(4), a  
19 medical exceptions process that provides for ex-  
20 ceptions from application of coverage restric-  
21 tions or benefit limitations when a drug is  
22 medically necessary and appropriate for a bene-  
23 ficiary. In the case of such an exception, the  
24 same cost-sharing and other requirements that  
25 would have applied to the alternative covered



1           outpatient drug would apply to the drug cov-  
2           ered pursuant to this exception process.

3           “(c) BENEFICIARY PREMIUMS AND COST-SHAR-  
4           ING.—

5           “(1) GENERAL CONDITIONS.—

6           “(A) PUBLIC SCHEDULE OF CHARGES.—

7           Any premium or cost-sharing shall be imposed  
8           by the program sponsor in accordance with a  
9           public schedule.

10          “(B) PROTECTION FOR BENEFICIARIES.—

11          The program sponsor may only vary premiums  
12          and cost-sharing based on the family income of  
13          low-income medicare beneficiaries in a manner  
14          that does not favor such beneficiaries with high-  
15          er incomes over beneficiaries with lower in-  
16          comes.

17          “(2) LIMITATIONS ON PREMIUMS AND COST-  
18          SHARING.—

19          “(A) NO PREMIUMS OR COST-SHARING FOR

20          BENEFICIARIES WITH INCOME BELOW 150 PER-

21          CENT OF POVERTY LINE.—In the case of a low-

22          income medicare beneficiary whose family in-

23          come does not exceed 150 percent of the pov-

24          erty line, the program sponsor may not charge

1 the beneficiary any premium and may impose  
2 only nominal cost-sharing.

3 “(B) OTHER BENEFICIARIES.—

4 “(i) For low-income medicare bene-  
5 ficiaries not described in subparagraph  
6 (A), any premiums or cost-sharing imposed  
7 by the program sponsor may be based,  
8 subject to paragraph (1)(B), on a sliding  
9 scale related to income, except that the  
10 total annual aggregate amount of such pre-  
11 miums and cost-sharing with respect to all  
12 such beneficiaries in a family under this  
13 title may not exceed five percent of the  
14 family income.

15 “(ii) No low-income medicare bene-  
16 ficiary described in subparagraph (B)(i)  
17 shall be responsible for more than 50 per-  
18 cent of any premium imposed by the pro-  
19 gram sponsor.

20 “(3) PREMIUMS AND COST-SHARING FOR LEG-  
21 ACY BENEFICIARIES.—In the case of Legacy Bene-  
22 ficiaries described in section 2202(a)(2), the pro-  
23 gram sponsor shall not impose any premium or cost-  
24 sharing higher than that imposed under the existing

1 comprehensive state-based program before enact-  
2 ment of this Act.

3 “(d) RESTRICTION ON APPLICATION OF PRE-EXIST-  
4 ING CONDITION EXCLUSIONS.—The program sponsor  
5 shall not permit the imposition of any preexisting condi-  
6 tion exclusion for covered benefits and may not discrimi-  
7 nate in the pricing of premiums because of health status,  
8 claims experience, receipt of health care, or medical condi-  
9 tion.

10 **“Sec. 2204. MANUFACTURER REBATES.**

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A state with an outpatient pre-  
12 scription drug program that administers its drug benefit  
13 on a fee-for-service basis shall be eligible to receive manu-  
14 facturer rebates as provided under subsection (b).

15 “(b) REBATES.—

16 “(1) A manufacturer, as defined in section  
17 1927(k)(5), shall provide rebates to States described  
18 in subsection (a) for drugs of the manufacturer for  
19 which payment is made under this title.

20 “(2) Such rebates shall be calculated and paid  
21 in accordance with the requirements of section 1927.

22 **“Sec. 2205. BENEFICIARY PROTECTIONS.**

23 “(a) BENEFICIARIES COVERED UNDER MEDICAID  
24 AND MEDICARE+CHOICE PROGRAMS.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—Eligible beneficiaries who  
2           are provided outpatient prescription drug assistance  
3           under a State plan under title XIX or under part C  
4           of title XVIII shall be afforded the patient protec-  
5           tions contained in those programs.

6           “(2) ADDITIONAL PROTECTION.—In addition to  
7           the protections required under subsection (a)(1), all  
8           program sponsors must meet the requirements es-  
9           tablished in subsections (b)(1) and (b)(2).

10          “(b) OTHER BENEFICIARIES.—Eligible beneficiaries  
11         who are provided outpatient prescription drug assistance  
12         under this title shall be afforded the following patient  
13         protections—

14                 “(1) CONFLICT OF INTEREST SAFEGUARDS.—  
15                 Before entering into a contract with a program  
16                 sponsor, the State shall determine whether the pro-  
17                 gram sponsor or any of its proposed subcontractors  
18                 has any significant organizational conflict of inter-  
19                 est, and if so, shall only contract with the prospec-  
20                 tive sponsor if the sponsor has implemented ade-  
21                 quate safeguards to avoid or neutralize any such  
22                 conflict. Prior to renewing such a contract, the Sec-  
23                 retary shall evaluate the effectiveness of the safe-  
24                 guards in avoiding or neutralizing the conflict and  
25                 shall ensure that the program sponsor makes any

1 changes necessary to ensure their continuing effec-  
2 tiveness during the new contract period.

3 “(2) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BENEFICIARY IN-  
4 TERESTS.—A program sponsor shall certify to the  
5 State that it shall at all times act in the best inter-  
6 ests of enrollee in connection with the provision of  
7 outpatient prescription drug assistance.

8 “(3) GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES.—A program  
9 sponsor shall meet the requirements of section  
10 1852(f) with respect to hearing and resolving griev-  
11 ances in the same manner as such requirements  
12 apply to a Medicare+Choice organization under that  
13 section.

14 “(4) COVERAGE DETERMINATIONS AND AP-  
15 PEALS.—A program sponsor shall meet the require-  
16 ments of section 1852(g) with respect to coverage  
17 determinations and appeals in the same manner as  
18 such requirements apply to a Medicare+Choice or-  
19 ganization under that section.

20 “(5) CONFIDENTIALITY AND ACCURACY OF  
21 BENEFICIARY RECORDS.—A program sponsor shall  
22 meet the requirements of section 1852(h) with re-  
23 spect to confidentiality and accuracy of patient  
24 records in the same manner as such requirements

1 apply to a Medicare+Choice organization under that  
2 section.

3 “(6) ACCESS TO COVERED OUTPATIENT  
4 DRUGS.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A program sponsor  
6 shall secure the participation of sufficient num-  
7 bers of pharmacies to ensure convenient access  
8 to covered outpatient drugs for eligible bene-  
9 ficiaries.

10 “(B) ANY WILLING PHARMACY.—A pro-  
11 gram sponsor shall permit the participation of  
12 any pharmacy that meets State licensing re-  
13 quirements for such an entity.

14 **“SEC. 2206. ALLOTMENTS.**

15 “(A) APPROPRIATION.—

16 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of pro-  
17 viding allotments under this section to States, there  
18 is appropriated, out of any funds in the Treasury  
19 not otherwise appropriated—

20 “(A) for fiscal year 2003, \$7,000,000,000;

21 “(B) for fiscal year 2004, \$7,000,000,000;

22 “(C) for fiscal year 2005, \$7,000,000,000;

23 “(D) for fiscal year 2006, \$7,000,000,000;

24 “(E) for fiscal year 2007, \$7,000,000,000;

1           “(F) for fiscal year 2008, \$7,000,000,000;

2           and

3           “(G) for fiscal year 2009, \$6,000,000,000.

4           “(2) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts appropriated  
5           under paragraph (1) shall only be available for pro-  
6           viding the allotments described in such paragraph  
7           during the fiscal year for which such amounts are  
8           appropriated. Any amounts that have not been obli-  
9           gated by the Secretary for the purposes of making  
10          payments from such allotments under section 2207,  
11          or under section 2211, on or before September 30  
12          of fiscal year 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008,  
13          or 2009 (as applicable), shall be returned to the  
14          Treasury.

15          “(b) ALLOTMENTS TO 50 STATES AND DISTRICT OF  
16          COLUMBIA.—

17                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),  
18                 of the amount available for allotment under sub-  
19                 section (a) for a fiscal year, reduced by the amount  
20                 of allotments made under subsection (c) for the fis-  
21                 cal year, the Secretary shall allot to each State with  
22                 an outpatient prescription drug assistance program  
23                 the same proportion as the ratio of—

24                         “(A) the number of medicare beneficiaries  
25                         with family income that does not exceed 200

1           percent of the poverty line residing in the State  
2           for the fiscal year; to

3                   “(B) the total number of such beneficiaries  
4           residing in all such States.

5           “(2) DETERMINATION OF NUMBER OF MEDI-  
6           CARE BENEFICIARIES WITH INCOME THAT DOES NOT  
7           EXCEED 200 PERCENT OF POVERTY.—For purposes  
8           of paragraph (1), a determination of the number of  
9           medicare beneficiaries with family income that does  
10          not exceed 200 percent of the poverty line residing  
11          in a State for the fiscal year shall be made on the  
12          basis of the arithmetic average of the number of  
13          such medicare beneficiaries, as reported and defined  
14          in the five most recent March supplements to the  
15          Current Population Survey of the Bureau of the  
16          Census.

17          “(3) MINIMUM ALLOTMENT.—In no case shall  
18          the amount of the allotment under this subsection  
19          for one of the 50 States or the District of Columbia  
20          for a fiscal year be less than an amount equal to 0.5  
21          percent of the amount provided for all allotments  
22          under subsection (a) for that fiscal year (reduced by  
23          the amount of allotments made under subsection (c)  
24          for the fiscal year). To the extent that the applica-  
25          tion of the previous sentence results in an increase



1 in the allotment to a State or the District of Colum-  
2 bia above the amount otherwise provided, the allot-  
3 ments for the other States and District of Columbia  
4 under this subsection shall be reduced in a pro rata  
5 manner (but not below the minimum allotment de-  
6 scribed in such preceding sentence), so that the total  
7 of such allotments in a fiscal year does not exceed  
8 the amount otherwise provided for allotments under  
9 subsection (a) for that fiscal year (as so reduced).

10 “(c) ALLOTMENTS TO TERRITORIES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the total amount avail-  
12 able for allotment under subsection (a) for a fiscal  
13 year, the Secretary shall allot 0.25 percent among  
14 each of the commonwealths and territories described  
15 in paragraph (3) in the same proportion as the per-  
16 centage specified in paragraph (2) for such common-  
17 wealth or territory bears to the sum of such percent-  
18 ages for all such commonwealths or territories so de-  
19 scribed.

20 “(2) PERCENTAGE.—The percentage specified  
21 in this paragraph for—

22 “(A) Puerto Rico is 91.6 percent;

23 “(B) Guam is 3.5 percent;

24 “(C) the United States Virgin Islands is  
25 2.6 percent;

1           “(D) American Samoa is 1.2 percent; and

2           “(E) the Northern Mariana Islands is 1.1  
3           percent.

4           “(3) COMMONWEALTHS AND TERRITORIES.—A  
5           commonwealth or territory described in this para-  
6           graph is any of the following if it has an outpatient  
7           prescription drug assistance program approved  
8           under this title:

9           “(A) Puerto Rico.

10          “(B) Guam.

11          “(C) the United States Virgin Islands.

12          “(D) American Samoa.

13          “(E) the Northern Mariana Islands.

14          “(d) TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ALLOTMENTS AND  
15          PORTIONS OF ALLOTMENTS.—

16                 “(1) IN GENERAL.—If, not later than within  
17                 two years of the date of enactment of this Act, a  
18                 State has not submitted a State Participation Plan  
19                 to the Secretary that meets the requirements of this  
20                 title—

21                         “(A) 90 percent of the allotment deter-  
22                         mined for a fiscal year (or pro rata share there-  
23                         of) under subsection (b) or (c) for a State shall  
24                         be transferred and made available in such fiscal  
25                         year to the Secretary for purposes of carrying

1 out the default program established under sec-  
2 tion 2211; and

3 “(B) 10 percent of such allotment shall be  
4 used to make payments to States in accordance  
5 with section 2207(b).

6 “(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), if a State  
7 submits a State Participation Plan to the Secretary  
8 that meets the requirements of this title after the  
9 two-year period described above such State’s allot-  
10 ment (or pro rata share thereof) for the fiscal year  
11 shall be distributed in accordance with subsections  
12 (b) and (c).

13 **“Sec. 2207. PAYMENTS TO STATES.**

14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the succeeding provi-  
15 sions of this section, the Secretary shall pay to each State  
16 with a State Participation Plan approved under section  
17 2208(c) from the State’s allotment under section 2206,  
18 an amount for each quarter equal to the expenditures as  
19 estimated by the State in the quarter—

20 “(1) for outpatient prescription drug assistance  
21 furnished to low-income medicare beneficiaries in a  
22 manner consistent with the requirements of this  
23 title; and

24 “(2) only to the extent permitted under subsection  
25 (d), for reasonable costs incurred to administer a program

1 implemented under this title, including, but not limited to,  
2 benefit management costs and outreach initiatives.

3 “(b) ADDITIONAL PAYMENTS.—In addition to fund-  
4 ing under subsection (a), the Secretary shall make pay-  
5 ments to States as follows:

6 “(1) ENROLLMENT BONUSES.—The Secretary  
7 shall establish program enrollment targets and make  
8 bonus payments to States that achieve such targets;  
9 such bonus payments may be used to provide ex-  
10 panded drug benefits to low-income medicare bene-  
11 ficiaries or to reduce or eliminate premium or cost-  
12 sharing obligations for such beneficiaries;

13 “(2) GENERAL OUTREACH SUPPORT.—During  
14 the first two years of program operation, the Sec-  
15 retary shall provide additional funding to States for  
16 outreach efforts designed to encourage enrollment in  
17 programs implemented under this title.

18 “(3) DUAL ELIGIBLE OUTREACH SUPPORT  
19 FUNDS.—The Secretary shall make funds available  
20 to States to develop and implement innovative out-  
21 reach programs to enroll medicare beneficiaries cur-  
22 rently eligible for, but not enrolled in, medicaid; and

23 “(4) FMAP ENHANCEMENT FOR DUAL ELIGI-  
24 BLES.—The Secretary shall pay each State an en-  
25 hanced Federal medical assistance percentage

1 (“FMAP”), as defined in section 2105(b), for pre-  
2 scription drug benefits furnished to dual eligibles  
3 who are enrolled in both medicare and medicaid.

4 “(c) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS FOR CERTAIN EX-  
5 PENDITURES.—

6 “(1) GENERAL LIMITATIONS.—Funds provided  
7 to a State under this title shall only be used to carry  
8 out the purposes of this title.

9 “(2) ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subpara-  
11 graph (B), payment shall not be made under  
12 subsection (a) for expenditures described in  
13 subsection (a)(2) for a fiscal year to the extent  
14 the total of such expenditures (for which pay-  
15 ment is made under such subsection) exceeds  
16 10 percent of the total expenditures described  
17 in subsection (a)(1) made by the State for such  
18 fiscal year; and

19 “(B) SPECIAL RULE.—With respect to the  
20 first fiscal year that a State provides outpatient  
21 prescription drug assistance under a program  
22 approved under this title, the limitation de-  
23 scribed in subparagraph (A) shall be increased  
24 to 15 percent of the total expenditures de-  
25 scribed in subsection (a)(1).

1           “(3) OFFSET OF RECEIPTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO  
2           PREMIUMS OR COST-SHARING.—For purposes of sub-  
3           section (a), the amount of the expenditures under a  
4           program shall be reduced by the amount of any pre-  
5           miums or cost-sharing received by a State.

6           “(4) PREVENTION OF DUPLICATIVE PAY-  
7           MENTS.—

8           “(A) OTHER HEALTH PLANS.—No pay-  
9           ment shall be made under this section for ex-  
10          penditures for outpatient prescription drug as-  
11          sistance provided under an outpatient prescrip-  
12          tion drug assistance program to the extent that  
13          a private insurer (as defined by the Secretary  
14          in regulations) would have been obligated to  
15          provide such assistance but for a provision of  
16          its insurance contract which has the effect of  
17          limiting or excluding such obligation because  
18          the beneficiary is eligible for or is provided out-  
19          patient prescription drug assistance under the  
20          program.

21          “(B) OTHER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PRO-  
22          GRAMS.—Except as otherwise provided by law,  
23          no payment shall be made under this section for  
24          expenditures for outpatient prescription drug  
25          assistance provided under an outpatient pre-

1           prescription drug assistance program to the extent  
2           that payment has been made or can reasonably  
3           be expected to be made promptly (as deter-  
4           mined in accordance with regulations) under  
5           any other federally operated or financed health  
6           care insurance program identified by the Sec-  
7           retary.

8           “(d) **ADVANCE PAYMENT; RETROSPECTIVE ADJUST-**  
9 **MENT.**—The Secretary may make payments under this  
10 section for each quarter on the basis of advance estimates  
11 of expenditures submitted by a State and such other inves-  
12 tigation as the Secretary may find necessary, and may re-  
13 duce or increase the payments as necessary to adjust for  
14 any overpayment or underpayment for prior quarters.

15           “(e) **FLEXIBILITY IN SUBMISSION OF CLAIMS.**—  
16 Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing  
17 a State from claiming as expenditures in any quarter of  
18 a fiscal year expenditures that were incurred in a previous  
19 quarter of such fiscal year.

20 **“SEC. 2208. SUBMISSION, APPROVAL, AND AMENDMENT OF**  
21 **STATE PARTICIPATION PLANS.**

22           “(a) **INITIAL PLAN.**—

23           “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—A State may receive pay-  
24 ments under section 2207 if the State has submitted  
25 to the Secretary either an outpatient prescription

1 drug assistance program description (for States not  
2 implementing this title as part of a title XIX State  
3 plan) or a State plan amendment (for States imple-  
4 menting this title as part of a title XIX State plan),  
5 that meets the applicable requirements of this title  
6 (collectively, “State Participation Plans”). All States  
7 submitting a State Participation Plan shall be reim-  
8 bursed the reasonable costs incurred in preparing  
9 the Plan, regardless of whether such submission is  
10 approved.

11 “(2) CONTENT OF STATE PARTICIPATION  
12 PLAN.—The State Participation Plan submitted  
13 must describe:

14 “(A) the purpose, nature, and scope of the  
15 outpatient prescription drug assistance pro-  
16 gram;

17 “(B) how the State intends to use the  
18 funds provided under this title to provide out-  
19 patient prescription drug assistance to low-in-  
20 come Medicare beneficiaries;

21 “(C) the budget for the program and de-  
22 tails on the planned use of funds, the sources  
23 of any non-federal share of program expendi-  
24 tures, and beneficiary premium and cost-shar-



1 ing requirements for each of the defined groups  
2 of eligible individuals;

3 “(D) the procedures to be used to ensure  
4 that the outpatient prescription drug assistance  
5 provided to low-income Medicare beneficiaries  
6 under the program does not supplant coverage  
7 for outpatient prescription drugs available to  
8 such beneficiaries under group health plans;

9 “(E) standards for determining eligibility  
10 for enrollment, including provisions pertaining  
11 to income, resources, and access to other cov-  
12 erage, and procedures for ensuring that only in-  
13 dividuals who remain eligible continue to be en-  
14 rolled in the program;

15 “(F) the proposed methods of delivery of  
16 benefits to eligible individuals, as well as proce-  
17 dures designed to ensure quality and access to  
18 covered services, particularly in rural regions;

19 “(G) safeguards in place to protect bene-  
20 ficiaries from potential conflicts of interest;

21 “(H) plans for specific outreach initiatives  
22 that will be undertaken to inform Medicare  
23 beneficiaries about the availability of benefits  
24 under this title and to provide enrollment as-  
25 sistance to eligible individuals;

1           “(I) efforts designed to identify, contact,  
2           and enroll Medicare beneficiaries eligible for  
3           Medicaid; and

4           “(J) plans for public participation in the  
5           design, implementation, and development of the  
6           program on an ongoing basis.

7           “(b) STATE PARTICIPATION PLAN AMENDMENTS.—  
8           Within 30 days after a State amends a State Participation  
9           Plan submitted pursuant to section (a), the State shall  
10          notify the Secretary of the amendment.

11          “(c) APPROVAL OF STATE PARTICIPATION PLANS  
12          AND STATE PARTICIPATING PLAN AMENDMENTS.—

13                  “(1) PROMPT REVIEW OF STATE PARTICIPA-  
14                  TION PLANS AND STATE PARTICIPATION PLAN  
15                  AMENDMENTS.—Except as provided in subparagraph  
16                  (2)(B), the Secretary shall review promptly State  
17                  Participation Plans and State Participation Plan  
18                  amendments to determine if they substantially com-  
19                  ply with the requirements of this title.

20                  “(2) STREAMLINED APPROVAL PROCESS.—

21                          “(A) IN GENERAL.—A State Participation  
22                          Plan or amendment thereto is considered ap-  
23                          proved unless the Secretary notifies the State in  
24                          writing, within 45 days after receipt of the  
25                          State Participation Plan or amendment, that

1 the submission is disapproved (and the reason  
2 or reasons for disapproval) or that specified ad-  
3 ditional information is needed.

4 “(B) EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE STATE-  
5 BASED PROGRAMS.—A State Participation Plan  
6 that implements this title through an existing  
7 comprehensive state-based program, as defined  
8 in section 2212(a)(2), is deemed approved, pro-  
9 vided that the responsible State official certifies  
10 that the comprehensive state-based program is  
11 consistent with the requirements of this title.

12 “(3) CORRECTION AND SUPPLEMENTATION.—  
13 In the case of a disapproval of a State Participation  
14 Plan or amendment thereto, the Secretary shall pro-  
15 vide the State with a reasonable opportunity for cor-  
16 rection or supplementation to respond to identified  
17 deficiencies before taking action against the State on  
18 the basis of such disapproval.

19 “(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—A State Participation  
20 Plan or amendment thereto shall be effective begin-  
21 ning with a calendar quarter that is specified in the  
22 Plan, but in no case earlier than the date of enact-  
23 ment of this Act.

24 “(d) PROGRAM OPERATION.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State shall conduct the  
2           program in accordance with the State Participation  
3           Plan (and any amendments thereto) approved under  
4           this section and consistent with the requirements of  
5           this title.

6           “(2) VIOLATIONS.—The Secretary shall estab-  
7           lish a process for enforcing requirements under this  
8           title. Such process shall provide for the withholding  
9           of funds in the case of substantial noncompliance  
10          with such requirements. In the case of an enforce-  
11          ment action against a State under this paragraph,  
12          the Secretary shall provide a State with a reasonable  
13          opportunity for correction and for administrative  
14          and judicial appeal of the Secretary’s action before  
15          imposing financial sanctions against the State on the  
16          basis of such an action.

17          “(e) CONTINUED APPROVAL.—Subject to section  
18          2201(c), an approved State Participation Plan shall con-  
19          tinue in effect unless and until the State amends the Plan  
20          under subsection (b) or the Secretary finds, in accordance  
21          with subsection (d), substantial noncompliance of the Plan  
22          with the requirements of this title.

1 **“SEC. 2209. PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION; APPLICATION OF**  
2 **CERTAIN GENERAL PROVISIONS.**

3 “(a) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—An outpatient  
4 prescription drug assistance program shall ensure that the  
5 State administering the program collect the data, main-  
6 tain the records, afford the Secretary access to any records  
7 or information relating to the program for the purposes  
8 of review or audit, and furnish report to the Secretary,  
9 at the times and in the standardized format the Secretary  
10 may require, in order to enable the Secretary to monitor  
11 program administration and compliance and to evaluate  
12 and compare the effectiveness of programs under this title.

13 “(b) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN GENERAL PROVI-  
14 SIONS.—The following sections of the Social Security Act  
15 shall apply to the programs established under this title  
16 in the same manner as they apply to a State under title  
17 XIX:

18 “(1) Paragraph (2) and (16) of section 1903(i)  
19 (relating to limitations on payment).

20 “(2) Section 1115 (relating to wavier author-  
21 ity).

22 “(3) Section 1116 (relating to administrative  
23 and judicial review), but only insofar as consistent  
24 with this title.

25 “(4) Section 1124 (relating to disclosure of  
26 ownership and related information).

1           “(5) Section 1126 (relating to disclosure of in-  
2           formation about certain convicted individuals).

3           “(6) Section 1128A (relating to civil monetary  
4           penalties).

5           “(7) Section 1128B(d) (relating to criminal  
6           penalties for certain additional charges).

7   **“SEC. 2210. REPORTS.**

8           “(a) IN GENERAL.—Each State administering an  
9           outpatient prescription drug assistance program under  
10          this title shall annually—

11           “(1) assess the operation of the program in  
12          each fiscal year; and

13           “(2) report to the Secretary on the result of the  
14          assessment.

15          “(b) REQUIRED INFORMATION.—The annual report  
16          required under subsection (a) shall include the following:

17           “(1) An assessment of the effectiveness of the  
18          program in providing outpatient prescription drug  
19          assistance to low-income medicare beneficiaries,  
20          including—

21           “(A) the characteristics of the low-income  
22          medicare beneficiaries assisted under the pro-  
23          gram, including family income and access to  
24          other health insurance prior to the program and  
25          after eligibility for the program ends; and

1           “(B) the amount and level of assistance  
2           provided under the program.

3           “(2) An analysis of costs and expenditures as-  
4           sociated with the program, including a description of  
5           the sources of any non-Federal share of program ex-  
6           penditures.

7           “(c) ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.—The  
8           Secretary shall submit to Congress and make available to  
9           the public an annual report based on the reports required  
10          under subsection (a), which report shall contain any con-  
11          clusions and recommendations the Secretary considers ap-  
12          propriate.

13       **“SEC. 2211. ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFAULT PROGRAM.**

14          “(a) PROGRAM AUTHORITY.—

15               “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a State that  
16               does not have a State Participation Plan approved  
17               under this Act within two years of the date of enact-  
18               ment of this Act (the “Default Date”), outpatient  
19               prescription drug assistance to low-income medicare  
20               beneficiaries who reside in such State shall be pro-  
21               vided in accordance with this section and section  
22               1902(a)(10)(I).

23               “(2) DEFINITION.—In this section, a low-in-  
24               come medicare beneficiary means an individual  
25               who—

1           “(A) satisfies the requirement of subpara-  
2           graph (A) and (B) of section 2212(a)(4); and

3           “(B) is determined to have family income  
4           that does not exceed 150 percent of the poverty  
5           line.

6           “(b) NOTIFICATION OF STATES.—On the Default  
7           Date, the Secretary shall notify in writing any State de-  
8           scribed in subsection (a)(1) of its responsibility to provide  
9           outpatient prescription drug coverage to low-income medi-  
10          care beneficiaries as provided for under section  
11          1902(a)(10)(I).

12          “(c) FUNDING.—

13           “(1) TRANSFERRED AMOUNTS.—The Secretary  
14           shall use the aggregate amounts transferred and  
15           made available under section 2206(d)(1)(A) for pur-  
16           poses of carrying out the default program estab-  
17           lished under this section. Such aggregate amounts  
18           may be used to provide outpatient prescription drug  
19           assistance to any low-income medicare beneficiary  
20           who resides in a State described in paragraph (a)(1).

21          “(d) SUSPENSION.—In the event that a State has a  
22          State Participation Plan approved under section 2208  
23          more than two years from the date of enactment of this  
24          Act, the default program under this section shall be sus-



1    pending until such time as such State no longer has an  
2    approved State Participation Plan.

3    **“SEC. 2212. DEFINITIONS.**

4       “(a) In this title:

5           “(1) COST-SHARING.—The term ‘cost-sharing’  
6           means a deductible, coinsurance, copayment, or simi-  
7           lar charge, and includes an enrollment fee.

8           “(2) EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE STATE-BASED  
9           PROGRAM.—

10           “(A) IN GENERAL.—A program described  
11           in this paragraph is an outpatient prescription  
12           drug assistance program for individuals who are  
13           entitled to benefits under part A of title XVIII  
14           or enrolled under part B of such title, including  
15           an individual enrolled in a Medicare+Choice  
16           plan under part C of such title, that—

17                   “(i) is administered or overseen by the  
18                   State and receives funds from the State;

19                   “(ii) was offered as of the date of the  
20                   enactment of this title;

21                   “(iii) does not receive or use any Fed-  
22                   eral funds; and

23                   “(iv) satisfies the requirements of this  
24                   title.

1           “(B) MODIFICATIONS.—A State may mod-  
2           ify the coverage of its program from time to  
3           time, provided that it does not reduce the actu-  
4           arial value (evaluated as of the time of the  
5           modification) below the actuarial value of the  
6           coverage described in section 2203.

7           “(3) GROUP HEALTH PLAN; GROUP HEALTH IN-  
8           SURANCE COVERAGE; ETC.—The terms ‘group health  
9           plan’, ‘group health insurance coverage’, and ‘health  
10          insurance coverage’ have the meanings given such  
11          terms in section 2791 of the Public Health Service  
12          Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91).

13          “(4) LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARY.—  
14          Except as provided in section 2211(a)(2), the term  
15          ‘low-income medicare beneficiary’ means an indi-  
16          vidual who—

17                 “(A) is entitled to benefits under part A of  
18                 title XVIII or enrolled under part B of such  
19                 title, including an individual enrolled in a  
20                 Medicare+Choice plan under part C of such  
21                 title;

22                 “(B) except as provided for under section  
23                 1902(a)(10)(H) and section 1902(a)(10)(I), is  
24                 not entitled to medical assistance with respect  
25                 to prescribed drugs under title XIX or under a

1 waiver under section 1115 of the requirements  
2 of such title;

3 “(C) except as provided in section  
4 2202(a)(2), is determined to have family in-  
5 come that does not exceed 200 percent of the  
6 poverty line;

7 “(D) at the option of the State, is deter-  
8 mined to have resources that do not exceed a  
9 level specified by the State; and

10 “(E) is determined not to have coverage  
11 under a comprehensive private retiree drug cov-  
12 erage plan.

13 “(5) OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSIST-  
14 ANCE.—The term ‘outpatient prescription drug as-  
15 sistance’ means payment for part or all of the cost  
16 of coverage of outpatient prescription drugs and  
17 biologicals for low-income medicare beneficiaries,  
18 consistent with the requirements of this title.

19 “(6) OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSIST-  
20 ANCE PROGRAM; PROGRAM.—Unless the context oth-  
21 erwise requires, the terms ‘outpatient prescription  
22 drug assistance program’ and ‘program’ mean a pro-  
23 gram implemented pursuant to a State Participation  
24 Plan approved under section 2208.

1           “(7) POVERTY LINE.—The term ‘poverty line’  
2           has the meaning given such term in section 673(2)  
3           of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42  
4           U.S.C.9902(2)), including any revision required by  
5           such section.

6           “(8) PREEXISTING CONDITION EXCLUSION.—  
7           The term ‘preexisting condition exclusion’ has the  
8           meaning given such term in section 2701(b)(1)(A) of  
9           the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.  
10          300gg(b)(1)(A)).

11          “(9) PROGRAM SPONSOR.—The term ‘program  
12          sponsor’ means any entity that administers a pro-  
13          gram under this title, including but not limited to a  
14          State, third party benefit administrator,  
15          Medicare+Choice organization, or group health  
16          plan.

17          “(10) RESIDENT.—The term ‘resident’ means  
18          an individual who would be deemed a resident of a  
19          given State under that state’s residency rules appli-  
20          cable to beneficiaries under title XIX.

21          “(11) SECRETARY.—The term ‘secretary’ shall  
22          means the Secretary of the United States Depart-  
23          ment of Health and Human Services.

24          “(12) SENIOR FMAP.—For purposes of this  
25          title, senior FMAP means a 100 percent FMAP per-

1 centage for low-income medicare beneficiaries with  
2 family incomes that do not exceed 200 percent of  
3 the poverty line.

4 “(13) STATE.—The term ‘State’ has the mean-  
5 ing given such term for purposes of title XIX.”.

6 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

7 (1) DEFINITION OF STATE.—Section  
8 1101(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
9 1301(a)(1)) is amended in the first and fourth sen-  
10 tences, by striking “and XXI” each place it appears  
11 and inserting “XXI, and XXII”.

12 (2) TREATMENT AS STATE HEALTH CARE PRO-  
13 GRAM.—Section 1128(h) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
14 1320a–7(h)) is amended—

15 (A) in paragraph (3), by striking “or” at  
16 the end;

17 (B) in paragraph (4), by striking the pe-  
18 riod at the end and inserting “, or”; and

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new  
20 paragraph:

21 “(3) an outpatient prescription drug assistance  
22 program approved under title XXII.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EXPANDED COVERAGE OF LOW-INCOME MEDICARE**  
2 **BENEFICIARIES UNDER MEDICAID**

3 (a) Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42  
4 U.S.C. 1396dd) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b), by adding at the end the  
6 following new sentence: “Notwithstanding the first  
7 sentence of this subsection, in the case of a State  
8 plan that meets the condition described in subsection  
9 (x)(1), with respect to expenditures described in sub-  
10 section (x)(2)(A) or subsection (x)(3), the Federal  
11 medical assistance percentage is equal to the senior  
12 FMAP described in section 2212(a)(12).”; and

13 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
14 section:

15 “(x)(1) The State provides for such reporting of in-  
16 formation about expenditures and payments attributable  
17 to the operation of this subsection as the Secretary deems  
18 necessary in order to carry out paragraph (2) and section  
19 2207.

20 “(2)(A) For purposes of subsections (b) and (c), the  
21 expenditures described in this subparagraph are expendi-  
22 tures for medical assistance for optional low-income medi-  
23 care beneficiaries described in subparagraph (C), or for  
24 mandatory low-income medicare beneficiaries described in  
25 subsection (D), but not exceeding the amount described  
26 in subparagraph (B) for a State for a fiscal year.

1       “(B) The amount described in this subparagraph, for  
2 a State for a fiscal year, is the amount of the State’s allot-  
3 ment under section 2206 for the fiscal year, reduced by  
4 the amounts of any payments made under section 2207  
5 from such allotment for such fiscal year.

6       “(C) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘op-  
7 tional low-income medicare beneficiary’ means a low-in-  
8 come medicare beneficiary as defined in section  
9 2212(a)(4).

10       “(D) For purposes of this paragraph, the term ‘man-  
11 datory low-income medicare beneficiary’ means a low-in-  
12 come medicare beneficiary as defined in section  
13 2211(a)(2).

14       (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY FOR  
15 LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.—Section 1902  
16 (a)(10) (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)) is amended—

17           (1) in subparagraph (F), by striking “and” at  
18 the end;

19           (2) in subparagraph (G), by adding “and” at  
20 the end;

21           (3) by adding after subparagraph (G) the fol-  
22 lowing new subparagraph:

23                   “(H) at the option of the State, for mak-  
24 ing prescribed drugs, consistent with the re-  
25 quirements of title XXII, available to optional

1 low-income medicare beneficiaries described in  
2 section 1905(x)(2)(C);” and

3 (4) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
4 paragraph:

5 “(I)(i) upon the Default Date as described  
6 in section 2211(a)(1), for making prescribed  
7 drugs, consistent with the requirements of title  
8 XXII, available to mandatory low-income medi-  
9 care beneficiaries described in section  
10 1905(x)(2)(D).

11 “(ii) In the event that a State Participa-  
12 tion Plan is approved under section 2208 after  
13 clause (i) becomes effective, clause (i) shall be  
14 suspended until such time as such State no  
15 longer has an approved State Participation  
16 Plan.”.

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—These amendments shall  
18 apply for periods beginning on or after the date of enact-  
19 ment of title XXII, but not beyond September 30, 2008.

20 **SEC. 4. COVERAGE OF LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENE-**  
21 **FICIARIES IN MEDICARE+CHOICE.**

22 (a) Section 1852 of the Social Security Act (U.S.C.  
23 1395w–22) is amended—

24 (1) in subsection (a)(1)(A) by striking at the  
25 end “and”;



1           (2) in subsection (a)(1)(B) by striking at the  
2 end “.”, and adding at the end “, and”;

3           (3) in subsection (a)(1) by adding at the end  
4 the following new subparagraph:

5                   “(C) any additional benefits required  
6 under subsection (m).”; and

7           “(4) by adding at the end the following new  
8 subsection:

9           “(m) OUTPATIENT PRESCRIPTION DRUG ASSIST-  
10 ANCE FOR LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.—

11                   “(1) At state election under title XXII, a  
12 Medicare+Choice organization shall be required to  
13 provide outpatient prescription drug assistance con-  
14 sistent with the requirement of title XXII for any  
15 low-income medicare beneficiaries, as defined in sec-  
16 tion 2212(a)(4), enrolled in its plan.

17                   “(2) Payments shall be made for drugs provided  
18 under this subsection in accordance with section 1853(j).”

19           “(b) Section 1853 of the Social Security Act (42  
20 U.S.C. 1395w-23) is amended by adding at the end the  
21 following new subsection:

22                   “(j) SPECIAL RULE FOR LOW-INCOME MEDICARE  
23 BENEFICIARIES.—

24                   “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other  
25 provision of this section, a Medicare+Choice organi-

1 zation that provides outpatient prescription drug as-  
 2 sistance for a low-income medicare beneficiary, as  
 3 defined in section 2212(a)(4), may receive payments  
 4 for the costs of such assistance if—

5 “(A) the outpatient prescription drug cov-  
 6 erage meets the coverage requirements provided  
 7 under section 2203; and

8 “(B) the coverage is provided in a State  
 9 with an approved State Participation Plan as  
 10 described in section 2208.

11 “(2) PAYMENT.—A Medicare+Choice organiza-  
 12 tion that meets the requirements of paragraph (1)  
 13 shall be eligible for payments by a State from that  
 14 State’s allotment pursuant to title XXII.

15 **SEC. 5. ELECTION BY LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENE-**  
 16 **FICIARIES TO SUSPEND MEDICAP INSUR-**  
 17 **ANCE.**

18 Section 1882 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 19 1395ss) is amended by adding at the end the following  
 20 new paragraph:

21 “(v) SPECIAL RULE FOR LOW-INCOME MEDICARE  
 22 BENEFICIARIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision  
 23 of this section.—

24 “(1) CURRENT LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENE-  
 25 FICIARIES WITH MEDICAP COVERAGE.—

1           “(A) PROHIBITED PRACTICES.—An issuer  
2 of a medicare supplemental issuance policy may  
3 not deny or condition the issuance or effective-  
4 ness of a medicare supplemental policy that has  
5 a benefit package classified as ‘A’, ‘B’, ‘C’, ‘D’,  
6 ‘E’, ‘F’, or ‘G’ (under the standards established  
7 under subsection (p)(2) of section 1882) and  
8 that is offered and is available for issuance to  
9 new enrollees by such issuer in the case of an  
10 individual described in subparagraph (B)(i) who  
11 seeks to enroll under the policy not later than  
12 63 days after the date of termination of enroll-  
13 ment described in subparagraph (B)(ii) and  
14 who submits evidence of the date of termination  
15 or disenrollment along with the application for  
16 a medicare supplemental policy described in this  
17 subparagraph.

18           “(B) INDIVIDUAL COVERED.—An indi-  
19 vidual described in this paragraph is an indi-  
20 vidual who—

21                   “(i) is a low-income medicare bene-  
22 ficiary (as defined in section 2212(a)(4)  
23 who is being provided outpatient prescrip-  
24 tion drug assistance under title XXII; and

1                   “(ii) at the time the individual was  
2                   first provided such assistance, terminated  
3                   enrollment in a medicare supplemental pol-  
4                   icy which has a benefit package classified  
5                   as ‘H’, ‘I’, ‘J’, under the standards re-  
6                   ferred to in subparagraph (A).

7                   “(2) RESTORATION OF MEDICAP PRESCRIPTION  
8                   DRUG COVERAGE FOR LOW-INCOME MEDICARE  
9                   BENEFICIARIES.—

10                   “(A) PROHIBITED PRACTICES.—The issuer  
11                   of a medicare supplemental policy may not deny  
12                   or condition the issuance or effectiveness of a  
13                   medicare supplemental policy which has a ben-  
14                   efit package classified as ‘H’, ‘I’, or ‘J’, under  
15                   the standards referred to in subparagraph  
16                   (1)(A), that is offered and is available for  
17                   issuance to new enrollees by such issuer in the  
18                   case of an individual described in subparagraph  
19                   (B)(i) who seeks to enroll under the policy not  
20                   later than 63 days after the date of the termi-  
21                   nation of enrollment described in subparagraph  
22                   (B)(ii) and who submits evidence of such date  
23                   of termination along with the application for  
24                   such medicare supplemental policy.

1           “(B) INDIVIDUAL COVERED.—An indi-  
2           vidual described in this paragraph is an  
3           individual—

4                   “(i) who, upon becoming eligible for  
5                   outpatient prescription drug assistance  
6                   under title XXII, terminated a medicare  
7                   supplemental insurance policy that pro-  
8                   vided prescription drug coverage; and

9                   “(ii) who loses eligibility for out-  
10                  patient prescription drug assistance under  
11                  title XXII.”.

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