

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2618

AN ACT

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to extend medicare cost-sharing for the medicare part B premium for qualifying individuals through September 2005.

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. EXTENSION OF MEDICARE COST-SHARING FOR**
 2 **THE MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM FOR**
 3 **QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(E)(iv) of the
 5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(E)(iv)) is
 6 amended by striking “2004” and inserting “2005”.

7 (b) TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR ALLOCATION.—
 8 Section 1933(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 9 1396u–3(g)) is amended to read as follows:

10 “(g) SPECIAL RULES.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to each period
 12 described in paragraph (2), a State shall select
 13 qualifying individuals, subject to paragraph (3), and
 14 provide such individuals with assistance, in accord-
 15 ance with the provisions of this section as in effect
 16 with respect to calendar year 2003, except that for
 17 such purpose—

18 “(A) references in the preceding sub-
 19 sections of this section to a year, whether fiscal
 20 or calendar, shall be deemed to be references to
 21 such period; and

22 “(B) the total allocation amount under
 23 subsection (c) for such period shall be the
 24 amount described in paragraph (2) for that pe-
 25 riod.

1 “(2) PERIODS AND TOTAL ALLOCATION
2 AMOUNTS DESCRIBED.—For purposes of this
3 subsection—

4 “(A) for the period that begins on January
5 1, 2004, and ends on September 30, 2004, the
6 total allocation amount is \$300,000,000;

7 “(B) for the period that begins on October
8 1, 2004, and ends on December 31, 2004, the
9 total allocation amount is \$100,000,000; and

10 “(C) for the period that begins on January
11 1, 2005, and ends on September 30, 2005, the
12 total allocation amount is \$300,000,000.

13 “(3) RULES FOR PERIODS THAT BEGIN AFTER
14 JANUARY 1.—For any specific period described in
15 subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2), the following
16 applies:

17 “(A) The specific period shall be treated as
18 a continuation of the immediately preceding pe-
19 riod in that calendar year for purposes of apply-
20 ing subsection (b)(2) and qualifying individuals
21 who received assistance in the last month of
22 such immediately preceding period shall be
23 deemed to be selected for the specific period
24 (without the need to complete an application for
25 assistance for such period).

1 “(B) The limit to be applied under sub-
2 section (b)(3) for the specific period shall be the
3 same as the limit applied under such subsection
4 for the immediately preceding period.

5 “(C) The ratio to be applied under sub-
6 section (c)(2) for the specific period shall be the
7 same as the ratio applied under such subsection
8 for the immediately preceding period.”.

Passed the Senate November 16, 2004.

Attest:

Secretary.

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