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To amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECUR-**
 2 **RITY ACT; REFERENCES; TABLE OF CON-**
 3 **TENTS.**

4 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
 5 “CHIP Extension and Improvement Act of 2015”.

6 (b) **REFERENCES TO CHIP; MEDICAID; SEC-**
 7 **RETARY.**—In this Act:

8 (1) **CHIP.**—The term “CHIP” means the
 9 State Children’s Health Insurance Program estab-
 10 lished under title XXI of the Social Security Act (42
 11 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.) (whether implemented under
 12 title XIX, XXI, or both, of the Social Security Act).

13 (2) **MEDICAID.**—The term “Medicaid” means
 14 the program for medical assistance established under
 15 title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396
 16 et seq.).

17 (3) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means
 18 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

19 (c) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
 20 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; amendments to Social Security Act; references; table of con-
 tents.

Sec. 2. General effective date; exception for State legislation; reliance on law.

TITLE I—FINANCING

Sec. 101. 4-year extension of CHIP funding.

Sec. 102. Performance incentive program improvements.

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- Sec. 202. Assuring care continuity during transitions among CHIP, Medicaid, and qualified health plans.
- Sec. 203. Continuous eligibility option for certain adults.
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TITLE III—BENEFITS AND AFFORDABILITY

- Sec. 301. Strengthened cost-sharing protections under CHIP.
- Sec. 302. Ensuring coverage of preventive health services under Medicaid and CHIP.
- Sec. 303. Timely immunization coverage.
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TITLE IV—ACCESS AND QUALITY

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- Sec. 402. Enhanced FMAP for activities related to pediatric quality measures.
- Sec. 403. Reporting of full set of pediatric quality measures.
- Sec. 404. Technical assistance to States for adopting and utilizing pediatric quality measures.
- Sec. 405. Improving the effectiveness of the pediatric quality measures.
- Sec. 406. Reports regarding State-specific quality of care measures applied under Medicaid or CHIP.
- Sec. 407. Advisory panel regarding pediatric quality.
- Sec. 408. Extending and expanding demonstration projects.

Subtitle B—Continuing Delivery System Reform

- Sec. 411. Supporting evidence-based care coordination in communities.
- Sec. 412. Ensuring care coordination for children.

Subtitle C—Miscellaneous

- Sec. 421. Assuring coverage continuity for former foster care children.
- Sec. 422. Definition of therapeutic foster care as medical assistance.
- Sec. 423. Technical correction.

1 SEC. 2. GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE; EXCEPTION FOR STATE
2 LEGISLATION; RELIANCE ON LAW.

3 (a) GENERAL EFFECTIVE DATE.—Unless otherwise
4 provided in this Act, subject to subsections (b) and (c),
5 this Act (and the amendments made by this Act) shall
6 take effect on October 1, 2015, and shall apply to medical
7 assistance and child health assistance furnished under ti-

1 tles XIX and XXI, respectively, of the Social Security Act
2 on or after that date.

3 (b) EXCEPTION FOR STATE LEGISLATION.—In the
4 case of a State plan under title XIX of the Social Security
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) or a State child health plan
6 under title XXI of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.),
7 which the Secretary determines requires State legislation
8 in order for the respective plan to meet one or more addi-
9 tional requirements imposed by amendments made by this
10 Act, the respective plan shall not be regarded as failing
11 to comply with the requirements of such title solely on the
12 basis of its failure to meet such an additional requirement
13 before the first day of the first calendar quarter beginning
14 after the close of the first regular session of the State leg-
15 islature that begins after the date of enactment of this
16 Act. For purposes of the previous sentence, in the case
17 of a State that has a 2-year legislative session, each year
18 of the session shall be considered to be a separate regular
19 session of the State legislature.

20 (c) COORDINATION OF CHIP FUNDING FOR FISCAL
21 YEAR 2015.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
22 insofar as funds have been appropriated under subsection
23 (a)(18) or (m) of section 2104 of the Social Security Act
24 (42 U.S.C. 1397dd), as such subsections are in effect on
25 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, to

1 provide allotments to States under CHIP for fiscal year
2 2015—

3 (1) any amounts that are so appropriated that
4 are not so allotted and obligated before April 1,
5 2015, are rescinded; and

6 (2) any amount provided for CHIP allotments
7 to a State under this Act (and the amendments
8 made by this Act) for such fiscal year shall be re-
9 duced by the amount of such appropriations so allot-
10 ted and obligated before such date.

11 (d) RELIANCE ON LAW.—With respect to amend-
12 ments made by this Act that become effective as of a
13 date—

14 (1) such amendments are effective as of such
15 date whether or not regulations implementing such
16 amendments have been issued; and

17 (2) Federal financial participation for medical
18 assistance or child health assistance furnished under
19 title XIX or XXI, respectively, of the Social Security
20 Act on or after such date by a State in good faith
21 reliance on such amendments before the date of pro-
22 mulgation of final regulations, if any, to carry out
23 such amendments (or before the date of guidance, if
24 any, regarding the implementation of such amend-
25 ments) shall not be denied on the basis of the

1 State’s failure to comply with such regulations or
2 guidance.

3 **TITLE I—FINANCING**

4 **SEC. 101. 4-YEAR EXTENSION OF CHIP FUNDING.**

5 (a) FUNDING.—Section 2104(a) of the Social Secu-
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (17), by striking “and” at the
8 end;

9 (2) by striking paragraph (18) and inserting
10 the following new paragraph:

11 “(18) for fiscal year 2015, \$21,061,000,000;”;

12 and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following new
14 paragraphs:

15 “(19) for fiscal year 2016, \$19,300,000,000;

16 “(20) for fiscal year 2017, \$20,300,000,000;

17 “(21) for fiscal year 2018, \$21,300,000,000;

18 and

19 “(22) for fiscal year 2019, for purposes of mak-
20 ing 2 semi-annual allotments—

21 “(A) \$2,850,000,000 for the period begin-
22 ning on October 1, 2018, and ending on March
23 31, 2019; and

1 “(B) \$2,850,000,000 for the period begin-
2 ning on April 1, 2019, and ending on Sep-
3 tember 30, 2019.”.

4 (b) ALLOTMENTS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(m) of the So-
6 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(m)) is amend-
7 ed—

8 (A) in the subsection heading, by striking
9 “2015” and inserting “2019”;

10 (B) in paragraph (2)—

11 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
12 ing “2014” and inserting “2018”; and

13 (ii) by striking subparagraph (B) and
14 inserting the following new subparagraph:

15 “(B) FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND EACH SUC-
16 CEEDING FISCAL YEAR.—Subject to paragraphs
17 (4) and (6), from the amount made available
18 under paragraphs (16) through (21) of sub-
19 section (a) for fiscal year 2013 and each suc-
20 ceeding fiscal year, respectively, the Secretary
21 shall compute a State allotment for each State
22 (including the District of Columbia and each
23 commonwealth and territory) for each such fis-
24 cal year as follows:

1 “(i) REBASING IN FISCAL YEAR 2013
2 AND EACH SUCCEEDING ODD-NUMBERED
3 FISCAL YEAR.—For fiscal year 2013 and
4 each succeeding odd-numbered fiscal year,
5 the allotment of the State is equal to the
6 Federal payments to the State that are at-
7 tributable to (and countable toward) the
8 total amount of allotments available under
9 this section to the State in the preceding
10 fiscal year (including payments made to
11 the State under subsection (n) for such
12 preceding fiscal year as well as amounts
13 redistributed to the State in such pre-
14 ceding fiscal year), multiplied by the allot-
15 ment increase factor under paragraph (5)
16 for such odd-numbered fiscal year.

17 “(ii) GROWTH FACTOR UPDATE FOR
18 FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND EACH SUCCEEDING
19 EVEN-NUMBERED FISCAL YEAR.—Except
20 as provided in clause (iii), for fiscal year
21 2014 and each succeeding even-numbered
22 fiscal year, the allotment of the State is
23 equal to the sum of—

1 “(I) the amount of the State al-
2 lotment under clause (i) for the pre-
3 ceding fiscal year; and

4 “(II) the amount of any pay-
5 ments made to the State under sub-
6 section (n) for such preceding fiscal
7 year,

8 multiplied by the allotment increase factor
9 under paragraph (5) for such even-num-
10 bered fiscal year.

11 “(iii) SPECIAL RULE FOR 2016.—For
12 fiscal year 2016, the allotment of the State
13 is equal to the Federal payments to the
14 State that are attributable to (and count-
15 able toward) the total amount of allot-
16 ments available under this section to the
17 State in the preceding fiscal year (includ-
18 ing payments made to the State under
19 subsection (n) for such preceding fiscal
20 year as well as amounts redistributed to
21 the State in such preceding fiscal year),
22 but determined as if the last two sentences
23 of section 2105(b) were in effect in such
24 preceding fiscal year and then multiplying

1 the result by the allotment increase factor
2 under paragraph (5) for fiscal year 2016.”;
3 (C) in paragraph (3)—

4 (i) in the heading, by striking “2015”
5 and inserting “2019”;

6 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
7 “paragraph (18)” and inserting “para-
8 graph (22)”;

9 (iii) in subparagraph (B), by striking
10 “paragraph (18)” and inserting “para-
11 graph (22)”;

12 (iv) in subparagraph (C)—

13 (I) by striking “2014” each place
14 it appears and inserting “2018”; and

15 (II) by striking “2015” and in-
16 serting “2019”; and

17 (v) in subparagraph (D)—

18 (I) in clause (i)—

19 (aa) in subclause (I), by
20 striking “subsection (a)(18)(A)”
21 and inserting “subsection
22 (a)(22)(A)”;

23 (bb) in subclause (II), by
24 striking “section 108 of the Chil-
25 dren’s Health Insurance Program

1 Reauthorization Act of 2009”
2 and inserting “section 101(b)(2)
3 of the CHIP Extension and Im-
4 provement Act of 2015”; and

5 (II) in clause (ii)(II), by striking
6 “subsection (a)(18)(B)” and inserting
7 “subsection (a)(22)(B)”;

8 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “2015”
9 and inserting “2019”;

10 (E) in paragraph (6)—

11 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
12 “2015” and inserting “2019”; and

13 (ii) in the second sentence, by striking
14 “or fiscal year 2014” and inserting “fiscal
15 year 2014, fiscal year 2016, or fiscal year
16 2018”; and

17 (F) in paragraph (8)—

18 (i) in the paragraph heading, by strik-
19 ing “2015” and inserting “2019”; and

20 (ii) by striking “for a period in fiscal
21 year 2015” and inserting “for a period in
22 fiscal year 2019”.

23 (2) SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR FIS-
24 CAL YEAR 2019.—There is appropriated to the Sec-
25 retary, out of any money in the Treasury not other-

1 wise appropriated, \$16,700,000,000 to accompany
2 the allotment made for the period beginning on Oc-
3 tober 1, 2018, and ending on March 31, 2019,
4 under section 2104(a)(22)(A) of the Social Security
5 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(a)(22)(A)) (as added by sub-
6 section (a)), to remain available until expended.
7 Such amount shall be used to provide allotments to
8 States under paragraph (3) of section 2104(m) of
9 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(m)) (as amended by
10 paragraph (1)(C)) for the first 6 months of fiscal
11 year 2019 in the same manner as allotments are
12 provided under subsection (a)(22)(A) of such section
13 2104 and subject to the same terms and conditions
14 as apply to the allotments provided from such sub-
15 section (a)(22)(A).

16 (c) EXTENSION OF QUALIFYING STATES OPTION.—
17 Section 2105(g)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
18 1397ee(g)(4)) is amended—

19 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking
20 “2015” and inserting “2019”; and

21 (2) in subparagraph (A), by striking “2015”
22 and inserting “2019”.

1 **SEC. 102. PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM IMPROVE-**
2 **MENTS.**

3 (a) **EXTENSION THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2019.**—Sec-
4 tion 2105(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1397ee(a)(3)) is amended—

6 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “2013”
7 and inserting “2019”;

8 (2) in subparagraph (E)—

9 (A) in clause (ii)—

10 (i) in the matter preceding subclause
11 (I), by inserting “after the application of
12 section 2104(n)(3)(D)(ii) with respect to
13 such amounts,” after “limitation,”;

14 (ii) by striking subclause (I) and in-
15 serting the following new subclause:

16 “(I) **UNOBLIGATED NATIONAL**
17 **ALLOTMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2009**
18 **THROUGH 2015.**—As of December 31
19 of fiscal year 2009, and as of Decem-
20 ber 31 of each succeeding fiscal year
21 through fiscal year 2015, the portion,
22 if any, of the amount appropriated
23 under section 2104(a) for such fiscal
24 year that is unobligated for allotment
25 to a State under section 2104(m) for
26 such fiscal year or set aside under

1 subsection (a)(3) or (b)(2) of section
2 2111 for such fiscal year.”;

3 (iii) in subclause (II), by striking
4 “2013” and inserting “2015”; and

5 (iv) in subclause (III), by striking
6 “2013” and inserting “2015”;

7 (B) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause
8 (iv); and

9 (C) by inserting after clause (ii), the fol-
10 lowing new clause:

11 “(iii) APPROPRIATION FOR FISCAL
12 YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2019.—Out of any
13 money in the Treasury not otherwise ap-
14 propriated, there are appropriated
15 \$500,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2016
16 through 2019 for making payments under
17 this paragraph. Amounts appropriated for
18 a fiscal year under this clause shall remain
19 available for making payments under this
20 paragraph until January 1 of the following
21 fiscal year. Any amounts of such appro-
22 priations that remain unexpended or unob-
23 ligated as of such date shall be transferred
24 and made available for making payments
25 under section 2104(n).”;

1 (3) in subparagraph (F)(iii), by striking
2 “2013” and inserting “2019”.

3 (b) UPDATED PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE CRITERIA
4 FOR FISCAL YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2019.—Section
5 2105(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ee(a))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (3)(A), by inserting “or (5)”
8 after “paragraph (4)”;

9 (2) in paragraph (4)—

10 (A) in the heading, by inserting “FISCAL
11 YEARS 2009 THROUGH 2015” after “FOR CHIL-
12 DREN”; and

13 (B) in the matter preceding subparagraph
14 (A), by striking “for a fiscal year if” and in-
15 serting “for fiscal years 2009 through 2015 if”;
16 and

17 (3) by adding at the end the following new
18 paragraph:

19 “(5) ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION PROVI-
20 SIONS FOR CHILDREN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND
21 SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS.—

22 “(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of para-
23 graph (3)(A), a State meets the condition of
24 this paragraph for fiscal year 2016 and any
25 succeeding fiscal year if it is implementing at

1 least 5 of the enrollment and retention provi-
2 sions specified in subparagraph (B) (treating
3 each clause as a separate enrollment and reten-
4 tion provision) throughout the entire fiscal year.

5 “(B) ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION PRO-
6 VISIONS.—The enrollment and retention provi-
7 sions specified in this subparagraph are the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(i) CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY.—The
10 State has elected the option of continuous
11 eligibility for a full 12 months for all chil-
12 dren (as defined in section
13 1902(e)(13)(G)), as well as applying such
14 policy under its State child health plan
15 under this title.

16 “(ii) EXPRESS LANE ELIGIBILITY.—
17 The State is implementing the option de-
18 scribed in section 1902(e)(13) under title
19 XIX as well as, pursuant to section
20 2107(e)(1), under this title.

21 “(iii) PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY.—
22 The State is implementing section 1920A
23 under title XIX as well as, pursuant to
24 section 2107(e)(1), under this title.

1 “(iv) PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR EM-
2 PLOYER-SPONSORED PLANS.—The State is
3 implementing section 1906A under title
4 XIX or the option described in section
5 2105(c)(10) under this title.

6 “(v) SEAMLESS COVERAGE OP-
7 TIONS.—In the case of a State that pro-
8 vides medical assistance under the State
9 plan under title XIX through managed
10 care entities (as defined in section
11 1932(a)(1)(B)) or health benefits coverage
12 under the State child health plan through
13 such entities, the State shall ensure that at
14 least one such entity offers a qualified
15 health plan through the Exchange estab-
16 lished under title I of the Patient Protec-
17 tion and Affordable Care Act in the State.

18 “(vi) RETROACTIVE COVERAGE REIN-
19 STATEMENT UPON PREMIUM PAYMENT.—
20 The State child health plan, in the case of
21 an individual whose coverage under the
22 plan has been terminated for failure to
23 make premium payments, provides assist-
24 ance to such individual for purposes of the
25 immediate reenrollment of the individual

1 upon payment of outstanding premiums,
2 with coverage retroactive to the beginning
3 of the most recent month for which an out-
4 standing premium has been paid, and shall
5 not impose any waiting period or fee as a
6 condition of such reenrollment.

7 “(vii) EFFECTIVE TRANSITION TO
8 THE COMMUNITY FOR VULNERABLE
9 YOUTH.—

10 “(I) IN GENERAL.—Subject to
11 the subdivision (A) following para-
12 graph (29) of section 1905(a), the
13 State, before the date of the release of
14 an eligible juvenile from any public in-
15 stitution, and notwithstanding that
16 the juvenile is an inmate of a public
17 institution—

18 “(aa) screens for eligibility
19 for and processes any application
20 for medical assistance submitted
21 by, or on behalf of, such an eligi-
22 ble juvenile; and

23 “(bb) refers such juvenile to
24 health care providers for pur-
25 poses of receiving the services de-

1 scribed in section 1905(a)(4)(B)
2 (relating to early and periodic
3 screening, diagnostic, and treat-
4 ment services defined in section
5 1905(r)).

6 “(II) ELIGIBLE JUVENILE.—For
7 purposes of subclause (I), the term
8 ‘eligible juvenile’ means an individual
9 who—

10 “(aa) is under 19 years of
11 age (or such higher age as the
12 State has elected under section
13 475(8)(B)(iii)); and

14 “(bb) is an inmate of a pub-
15 lic institution.

16 “(III) INMATE OF A PUBLIC IN-
17 STITUTION.—For purposes of this
18 clause, the term ‘inmate of a public
19 institution’ has the meaning given
20 such term for purposes of applying
21 the subdivision (A) following para-
22 graph (29) of section 1905(a), taking
23 into account the exception in such
24 subdivision for a patient of a medical
25 institution.”.

1 **SEC. 103. CHILD ENROLLMENT CONTINGENCY FUND AD-**
2 **JUSTMENT.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2104(n) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(n)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (2)—

6 (A) by striking “2014” and inserting
7 “2018” each place it appears in subparagraphs
8 (A)(ii) and (B); and

9 (B) by striking “2015” and inserting
10 “2019” each place it appears in subparagraphs
11 (A)(ii) and (B);

12 (2) in paragraph (3)—

13 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

14 (i) in the heading, by striking “IN
15 GENERAL” and inserting “FISCAL YEARS
16 2009 THROUGH 2015”;

17 (ii) in the matter preceding clause
18 (i)—

19 (I) by striking “a semi-annual al-
20 lotment period for”; and

21 (II) by striking “(determined
22 without regard to any redistribution it
23 receives under subsection (f) that is
24 available for expenditure during such
25 fiscal year or period, but including

1 any carryover from a previous fiscal
2 year”;

3 (iii) by striking “or period” each place
4 it appears; and

5 (iv) in clause (ii), by striking “(or in
6 which the period occurs)”;

7 (B) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
8 “(or semi-annual period occurring in a fiscal
9 year)”;

10 (C) in subparagraph (C)(ii), by striking
11 “(or semi-annual period occurring in a fiscal
12 year)”;

13 (D) by redesignating subparagraphs (D),
14 (E), (F), and (G) as subparagraphs (E), (F),
15 (G), and (H), respectively;

16 (E) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
17 the following new subparagraph:

18 “(D) FISCAL YEARS 2016 THROUGH 2019.—

19 “(i) IN GENERAL.—For each of fiscal
20 years 2016 through 2018 and each semi-
21 annual allotment period for fiscal year
22 2019, if the Secretary determines that a
23 State is a shortfall State described in sub-
24 paragraph (I) for that fiscal year or pe-
25 riod, the Secretary shall pay the State

1 from the Fund, in addition to any other
2 payments made to a State under this title
3 for the fiscal year or period, an amount
4 equal to the amount of projected expendi-
5 tures for the State under this title for the
6 fiscal year or period that exceeds the sum
7 determined under subparagraph (I) for the
8 State and fiscal year or period.

9 “(ii) TRANSFERS.—Notwithstanding
10 any other provision of this title, the fol-
11 lowing amounts shall also be available,
12 without fiscal year limitation, for making
13 payments from the Fund:

14 “(I) UNOBLIGATED NATIONAL
15 ALLOTMENT FOR FISCAL YEARS BE-
16 GINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 2016.—
17 As of December 31 of fiscal year
18 2016, and as of December 31 of each
19 succeeding fiscal year, the portion, if
20 any, of the amount appropriated
21 under subsection (a) for such fiscal
22 year that is unobligated for allotment
23 to a State under subsection (m) for
24 such fiscal year.

1 “(II) UNEXPENDED ALLOT-
2 MENTS NOT USED FOR REDISTRIBU-
3 TION.—As of November 15 of fiscal
4 year 2016 and each succeeding fiscal
5 year, the total amount of allotments
6 made to States under subsection (a)
7 for the second preceding fiscal year
8 that is not expended or redistributed
9 under subsection (f) during the period
10 in which such allotments are available
11 for obligation.

12 “(III) UNEXPENDED PERFORM-
13 ANCE INCENTIVE FUNDS.—As of Sep-
14 tember 1, 2017, and as of September
15 1 of each succeeding calendar year,
16 the portion, if any, of the amount ap-
17 propriated under subparagraph
18 (E)(iii) of section 2105(a)(3) for the
19 preceding fiscal year that is not ex-
20 pended or obligated under such sec-
21 tion.

22 “(iii) INVESTMENT OF FUND.—The
23 Secretary of the Treasury shall invest, in
24 interest bearing securities of the United
25 States, such currently available portions of

1 the Fund as are not immediately required
2 for payments from the Fund. The income
3 derived from these investments constitutes
4 a part of the Fund.”;

5 (F) in subparagraph (E) (as so redesign-
6 nated), by inserting “or (D)” after “subpara-
7 graph (A)”;

8 (G) in subparagraph (H) (as so redesign-
9 nated), by inserting “and regarding the expend-
10 itures under the State child health plan” after
11 “subparagraphs (A) and (B)”;

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

14 “(I) SHORTFALL STATES DESCRIBED.—
15 For purposes of subparagraph (D), with respect
16 to a fiscal year or semi-annual allotment period,
17 a shortfall State is a State for which the Sec-
18 retary estimates, on the basis of the most re-
19 cent data available to the Secretary, that the
20 projected expenditures for the State for the fis-
21 cal year or period under this title (including in
22 the form of coverage described in paragraph (1)
23 or (2) of section 2101, or both) will exceed the
24 sum of—

1 “(i) the amount of the State’s allot-
2 ments for any preceding fiscal year or pe-
3 riod that remains available for expenditure
4 and that will not be expended by the end
5 of the immediately preceding fiscal year;

6 “(ii) the amount (if any) that will be
7 redistributed to the State under subsection
8 (f) for the fiscal year or period;

9 “(iii) the portion, if any, of the
10 amount appropriated under subparagraph
11 (E)(iii) of section 2105(a)(3) for the pre-
12 ceding fiscal year or period that is not ex-
13 pended or obligated under such section;
14 and

15 “(iv) the amount of the State’s allot-
16 ment for the fiscal year or period.”.

17 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section
18 2104(f)(2)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
19 13957dd(f)(2)(A)) is amended—

20 (1) in clause (i), by inserting “and” at the end;

21 (2) by striking clause (ii); and

22 (3) by redesignating clause (iii) as clause (ii).

1 **TITLE II—COVERAGE STABILITY**
2 **AND REDUCED BUREAUCRACY**

3 **SEC. 201. IMPROVING COVERAGE STABILITY.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2102(b)(1)(B) of the So-
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397bb(b)(1)(B)) is amend-
6 ed—

7 (1) in clause (iii), by striking “in the case of a
8 targeted low-income pregnant woman provided preg-
9 nancy-related assistance under section 2112”; and

10 (2) in clause (iv), by striking “at State op-
11 tion,”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

13 (1) Section 2105(c)(10) of the Social Security
14 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397(ee)(10)) is amended—

15 (A) by striking subparagraph (F); and

16 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (G)
17 through (M) as subparagraphs (F) through (L),
18 respectively.

19 (2) Section 2112(b)(5) of the Social Security
20 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ll(b)(5)) is amended—

21 (A) in the heading, by striking “OR WAIT-
22 ING PERIOD”; and

23 (B) by striking “or any waiting period”
24 and all that follows through “receipt of such as-
25 sistance”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of
3 this Act.

4 **SEC. 202. ASSURING CARE CONTINUITY DURING TRANSI-**
5 **TIONS AMONG CHIP, MEDICAID, AND QUALI-**
6 **FIED HEALTH PLANS.**

7 (a) MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 5000A(f) of the In-
9 ternal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

11 “(6) PREGNANCY-RELATED ASSISTANCE UNDER
12 CHIP.—With respect to a targeted low-income preg-
13 nant woman (as defined in section 2112(d)(2) of the
14 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ll(d)(2))), not-
15 withstanding paragraph (1)(A)(iii), the term ‘min-
16 imum essential coverage’, at the option of such a
17 woman, shall not include pregnancy-related assist-
18 ance (as defined in section 2112(d)(1) of the Social
19 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397ll(d)(1))).”.

20 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
21 by this subsection applies to taxable years beginning
22 after December 31, 2015.

23 (b) CONTINUITY OF CARE.—The Secretary of Health
24 and Human Services shall issue regulations for purposes
25 of ensuring continuity of care for children who—

1 (1) are undergoing an active course of treat-
2 ment; and

3 (2) involuntarily change coverage under health
4 insurance, the State plan under the Medicaid pro-
5 gram under title XIX of the Social Security Act, or
6 the State child health plan under title XXI of such
7 Act during such course of treatment for any reason,
8 including a reason related to a change in income,
9 health plan termination, or a material change or
10 changes to the plan's health benefits coverage.

11 (c) ENSURING COMPARABILITY OF COVERAGE.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 18 months
13 after the date of the enactment of the CHIP Exten-
14 sion and Improvement Act of 2015, the Secretary of
15 Health and Human Services shall review, with re-
16 spect to a State, the benefits (by each benefit class)
17 offered for children and the cost-sharing imposed
18 with respect to such benefits by qualified health
19 plans offered through an Exchange established
20 under title I of the Patient Protection and Afford-
21 able Care Act in the State. The Secretary shall
22 make the findings of such review available on the
23 public Internet site of the Department of Health and
24 Human Services.

1 (2) REGULATIONS REQUIRED.—If, following
2 such review, the Secretary determines that benefits
3 and cost-sharing protections referred to in para-
4 graph (1) are not comparable to the benefits (by
5 each benefit class) offered and cost-sharing protec-
6 tions provided under the State child health plan
7 under title XXI of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.) in the State, the Secretary,
9 not later than January 1, 2017, shall issue a rule,
10 to apply with respect to plan years beginning in
11 2019, establishing requirements designed to ensure
12 that such qualified health plans offer benefits and
13 cost-sharing protections that are comparable to the
14 benefits and cost-sharing protections provided under
15 such State child health plan for plan year 2019.

16 **SEC. 203. STATE FLEXIBILITY TO PROVIDE FOR CONTIN-**
17 **UOUS ELIGIBILITY.**

18 Section 1902(e)(12) of the Social Security Act (42
19 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(12)) is amended to read as follows:

20 “(12) CONTINUOUS ELIGIBILITY OPTION.—

21 “(A) CHILDREN.—At the option of the State,
22 the plan may provide that a child (as defined in
23 paragraph (13)(G)) who is determined to be eligible
24 for benefits under a State plan approved under this

1 title under subsection (a)(10)(A) shall remain eligi-
2 ble for those benefits until the earlier of—

3 “(i) the end of a period (not to exceed 12
4 months) following the determination; or

5 “(ii) the time that the child exceeds the
6 age specified in such paragraph (13)(G).

7 “(B) CERTAIN NONELDERLY ADULTS.—

8 “(i) IN GENERAL.—At the option of the
9 State, the plan may provide that in the case of
10 an eligible adult who is determined to be eligible
11 for benefits under a State plan approved under
12 this title (or a waiver of such plan), the eligible
13 adult shall remain eligible for those benefits
14 until the end of a period (not to exceed 12
15 months) following the determination.

16 “(ii) ELIGIBLE ADULT DEFINED.—In this
17 subparagraph, the term ‘eligible adult’ means—

18 “(I) an individual (other than a child)
19 whose income eligibility under the State
20 plan or under a waiver of the plan for
21 medical assistance is determined under
22 paragraph (14); and

23 “(II) an individual included in any
24 other group of individuals the Secretary
25 determines appropriate.”.

1 **SEC. 204. STATE FLEXIBILITY TO USE ADMINISTRATIVE**
2 **SIMPLIFICATION POLICIES FOR ENROLL-**
3 **MENT.**

4 (a) **PERMANENT EXTENSION OF MEDICAID AND**
5 **CHIP EXPRESS LANE OPTION.**—Section 1902(e)(13) of
6 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(13)) is
7 amended by striking subparagraph (I).

8 (b) **EXTENDING EXPRESS LANE ELIGIBILITY TO**
9 **ADULTS.**—Section 1902(e)(13)(A) of the Social Security
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)(13)(A)) is amended by adding
11 at the end the following new clause:

12 “(iii) **STATE OPTION TO EXTEND EXPRESS**
13 **LANE ELIGIBILITY TO ADULTS.**—

14 “(I) **IN GENERAL.**—At the option of
15 the State, the State may apply the provi-
16 sions of this paragraph with respect to de-
17 termining eligibility under this title for an
18 eligible individual (as defined in subclause
19 (II)). In applying this paragraph in the
20 case of a State making such an option, any
21 reference in this paragraph to a child with
22 respect to this title (other than a reference
23 to child health assistance) shall be deemed
24 to be a reference to an eligible individual.

1 “(II) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL DE-
2 FINED.—In this clause, the term ‘eligible
3 individual’ means—

4 “(aa) any individual (other than
5 a child) whose income eligibility under
6 the State plan or under a waiver of
7 the plan for medical assistance is de-
8 termined under paragraph (14); and

9 “(bb) an individual included in
10 any other group of individuals the
11 Secretary determines appropriate.”.

12 **SEC. 205. OUTREACH TO TARGETED POPULATIONS.**

13 (a) OUTREACH AND ENROLLMENT GRANTS.—Sec-
14 tion 2113 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397mm)
15 is amended—

16 (1) in subsection (a)—

17 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “during
18 the period of fiscal years 2009 through 2015”;

19 and

20 (B) in paragraph (2)—

21 (i) in the heading, by striking “TEN
22 PERCENT SET ASIDE” and inserting “SET
23 ASIDE”; and

24 (ii) by striking “10 percent” and in-
25 serting “15 percent”; and

1 (2) in subsection (g), by inserting “and
2 \$40,000,000 for each fiscal year thereafter, to re-
3 main available until expended” after “2015,”.

4 (b) REQUIREMENT THAT MANAGED CARE ORGANI-
5 ZATIONS PROVIDE LANGUAGE SERVICES TO ENROLL-
6 EES.—Section 1932(b) of the Social Security Act (42
7 U.S.C. 1396u–2(b)) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following new paragraph:

9 “(9) LANGUAGE SERVICES.—Each contract
10 with a managed care entity under section 1903(m)
11 or under section 1905(t)(3) shall require the entity
12 to provide and pay for language services, including
13 oral interpretation and written translation services,
14 for an individual and the parent or guardian of such
15 individual who is eligible for medical assistance
16 under the State plan under this title and is enrolled
17 with the entity and is limited English proficient
18 when interacting with the entity or with any pro-
19 vider receiving payment from the entity. Such lan-
20 guage services shall be provided in conjunction with
21 all covered items and services that are available to
22 such individuals under the contract.”.

23 (c) MEDICAID HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES.—Section
24 1946 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396w–5) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

3 “(d) APPROPRIATION.—Out of any funds in the
4 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, there are appro-
5 priated to carry out this section \$20,000,000, to remain
6 available until expended .”.

7 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
8 this section take effect on the date of enactment of this
9 Act.

10 **TITLE III—BENEFITS AND** 11 **AFFORDABILITY**

12 **SEC. 301. STRENGTHENED COST-SHARING PROTECTIONS** 13 **UNDER CHIP.**

14 Section 2103(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1397cc(e)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (3)(B)—

17 (A) by inserting “, including with respect
18 to benefits for dental services,” after “State
19 child health plan”;

20 (B) by striking “annual aggregate cost-
21 sharing” and inserting “aggregate cost-shar-
22 ing”; and

23 (C) by striking “for the year involved” and
24 inserting “, as applied on a quarterly or month-
25 ly basis (as specified by the State)”; and

1 (2) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(5) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—

4 “(A) TRACKING OF EXPENSES; NOTICE.—

5 Except as provided in subparagraph (B), in the
6 case of a State child health plan that imposes
7 premiums, deductibles, cost sharing, or similar
8 charges that could (as determined by the Sec-
9 retary) cause families that include a targeted
10 low-income child or a targeted low-income preg-
11 nant woman to have out-of-pocket expenses that
12 exceed the limit imposed under paragraph
13 (3)(B) for a month or quarter (as applicable
14 under the State plan), the State child health
15 plan shall—

16 “(i) establish an electronic process for
17 tracking such expenses that does not rely
18 on documentation provided by the targeted
19 low-income child, the targeted low-income
20 pregnant woman, or the family; and

21 “(ii) notify each such family—

22 “(I) of the aggregate monthly or
23 quarterly limits on out-of-pocket ex-
24 penses applicable to the family im-
25 posed under paragraph (3)(B); and

1 “(II) that no premiums,
2 deductibles, cost sharing, or similar
3 charges shall be imposed on any tar-
4 geted low-income child or targeted
5 low-income pregnant woman in the
6 family for the remainder of any month
7 or quarter with respect to which the
8 family has reached the aggregate
9 monthly or quarterly family limit im-
10 posed under such paragraph applica-
11 ble to the family.

12 “(B) MANAGED CARE ENTITIES OR ORGA-
13 NIZATIONS.—In the case of a State child health
14 plan that provides child health assistance
15 through managed care entities or organizations,
16 the entities or organizations shall, with respect
17 to families described in subparagraph (A)—

18 “(i) establish an electronic process de-
19 scribed in subparagraph (A)(i); and

20 “(ii) coordinate with the State agency
21 responsible for implementing the State
22 child health plan under this title to ensure
23 that any premiums, deductibles, cost shar-
24 ing, or similar charges imposed on such a
25 family are included in the aggregate limit

1 applicable to the family under paragraph
2 (3)(B).”.

3 **SEC. 302. ENSURING COVERAGE OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH**
4 **SERVICES UNDER MEDICAID AND CHIP.**

5 (a) MEDICAID.—

6 (1) CLARIFYING PREVENTIVE COVERAGE.—Sec-
7 tion 1905(a)(13) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(13)) is amended—

9 (A) by striking subparagraphs (A) and
10 (B);

11 (B) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as
12 subparagraph (B); and

13 (C) by inserting before subparagraph (B)
14 (as so redesignated) the following new subpara-
15 graph:

16 “(A) the items and services described in
17 paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 2713(a)
18 of the Public Health Service Act; and”.

19 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
20 1902(a)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act (42
21 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)) is amended in the matter
22 preceding clause (i), by inserting “, (13)(A)” before
23 “, (17)”.

24 (b) CHIP.—Section 2103(c)(1)(D) of the Social Se-
25 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(c)(1)(D)) is amended by

1 striking “Well-baby” and inserting “Items and services
2 described in paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 2713(a)
3 of the Public Health Service Act, including well-baby”.

4 (c) COST-SHARING PROHIBITIONS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1916 of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396(o)) is amended—

7 (A) in subsection (a)(2)—

8 (i) in subparagraph (D), by striking
9 “or” at the end;

10 (ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking
11 “hospice care (as defined in section
12 1905(o)); and” at the end and inserting
13 “hospice care (as defined in section
14 1905(o)), or”; and

15 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing new subparagraph:

17 “(F) items and services described in sec-
18 tion 1905(a)(13)(A); and”; and

19 (B) in subsection (b)(2)—

20 (i) in subparagraph (D), by striking
21 “or” at the end;

22 (ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking
23 “hospice care (as defined in section
24 1905(o)); and” at the end and inserting

1 “hospice care (as defined in section
2 1905(o)), or”; and

3 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new subparagraph:

5 “(F) items and services described in sec-
6 tion 1905(a)(13)(A); and”.

7 (2) STATE OPTION.—Section 1916A(b)(3)(B) of
8 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o-
9 1(b)(3)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
10 lowing new clause:

11 “(xi) Items and services described in
12 section 1905(a)(13)(A).”.

13 **SEC. 303. TIMELY IMMUNIZATION COVERAGE.**

14 (a) COVERAGE FOR NEWLY APPROVED VACCINES
15 WITHIN 30 DAYS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1928(e) of the So-
17 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396s(e)) is amended
18 by adding at the end the following new sentence:
19 “Each revision of the list established by such Advi-
20 sory Committee shall apply to the purchase, delivery,
21 and administration of pediatric vaccines under this
22 section not later than 30 days after the date such
23 Advisory Committee approves the revision.”.

24 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
25 2103(e)(1)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

1 1397cc(e)(1)(D)), as amended by section 302(b), is
2 further amended by inserting “, administered in ac-
3 cordance with the schedule referred to in section
4 1928(e)(2)(B)(i) for pediatric vaccines” after “im-
5 munizations”.

6 (b) TREATMENT OF CHIP-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AS
7 FEDERALLY VACCINE-ELIGIBLE CHILDREN.—Section
8 1928(b)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1396s(b)(2)) is amended—

10 (1) in subparagraph (A)(i), by inserting “or
11 CHIP-eligible” after “medicaid-eligible”; and

12 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking clause (i)
13 and inserting the following:

14 “(i) The term ‘medicaid-eligible or
15 CHIP-eligible child’ means, with respect to
16 a child, a child who is entitled to medical
17 assistance under a State plan approved
18 under this title or a waiver of such plan,
19 or who is eligible for child health assist-
20 ance under a State child health plan ap-
21 proved under title XXI.”.

22 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
23 this section take effect on the date of enactment of this
24 Act.

1 **SEC. 304. PAYMENT PARITY FOR MEDICAID PRIMARY CARE**
2 **SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(13)(C) of the So-
4 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(13)(C)) is amend-
5 ed—

6 (1) by striking “2013 and 2014” and inserting
7 “calendar years 2014 through 2019”;

8 (2) by striking “, general internal medicine”
9 and inserting “, general internal medicine, neu-
10 rology, psychiatry, obstetrics and gynecology”;

11 (3) by inserting “or a health care practitioner
12 who is a nurse practitioner, physician assistant, or
13 clinical nurse specialist (as such terms are defined in
14 section 1861(aa)(5)) or a certified nurse midwife (as
15 defined in section 1861(gg)(2))” after “pediatric
16 medicine”; and

17 (4) by striking “such services and physician”
18 and inserting “such services and physician or health
19 care practitioner”.

20 (b) EXTENSION OF INCREASED FMAP.— Section
21 1905(dd) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
22 1396d(dd)) is amended by striking “2015” and inserting
23 “2020”.

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall apply to items and services furnished on

1 or after the first day of the first calendar quarter that
2 begins after the date of the enactment of this Act.

3 **TITLE IV—ACCESS AND QUALITY**
4 **Subtitle A—Pediatric Quality**
5 **Measures**

6 **SEC. 401. EXTENDING THE PEDIATRIC QUALITY MEASURES**
7 **PROGRAM.**

8 Section 1139A(i) of the Social Security Act (42
9 U.S.C. 1320b–9a(i)) is amended by inserting “, and for
10 each of fiscal years 2016 through 2019, \$50,000,000,”
11 after “\$45,000,000”.

12 **SEC. 402. ENHANCED FMAP FOR ACTIVITIES RELATED TO**
13 **PEDIATRIC QUALITY MEASURES.**

14 Section 1903(a)(3)(A)(iii) of the Social Security Act
15 (42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)(3)(A)(iii)) is amended to read as fol-
16 lows:

17 “(iii) 95 percent of so much of the sums
18 expended during any such quarter in fiscal
19 years 2016, 2017, and 2018, 90 percent of so
20 much of the sums expended during any such
21 quarter in fiscal years 2019 and 2020, and the
22 higher of an amount equal to the Federal med-
23 ical assistance percentage (as defined in section
24 1905(b)) or 75 percent of so much of the sums
25 expended during any such quarter in any fiscal

1 year thereafter (as found necessary by the Sec-
2 retary for the proper and efficient administra-
3 tion of the State plan) as are attributable to
4 such developments or modifications of systems
5 of the type described in clause (i) as are nec-
6 essary for the efficient collection and reporting
7 on the core set of child health quality measures
8 under subsections (a), (b), (c), and (f) of sec-
9 tion 1139A; and”.

10 **SEC. 403. REPORTING OF FULL SET OF PEDIATRIC QUALITY**
11 **MEASURES.**

12 Section 1139A(a)(4) of the Social Security Act (42
13 U.S.C. 1320b–9a(a)(4)) is amended—

14 (1) in the heading, by striking “ENCOURAGE
15 VOLUNTARY AND STANDARDIZED” and inserting
16 “STANDARDIZED”;

17 (2) by striking “Not later than” and inserting
18 the following:

19 “(A) ENCOURAGING VOLUNTARY REPORT-
20 ING.—Not later than”; and

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

23 “(B) OTHER REPORTING.—Not later than
24 five years after the date of the enactment of the
25 CHIP Extension and Improvement Act of 2015,

1 the Secretary shall require that each State sub-
2 mit information on the core set of child health
3 quality measures (as in effect on such date of
4 enactment), as updated under subsection
5 (b)(5).”.

6 **SEC. 404. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR ADOPT-**
7 **ING AND UTILIZING PEDIATRIC QUALITY**
8 **MEASURES.**

9 Section 1139A(a)(7) of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1320b–9a(a)(7)) is amended to read as follows:

11 “(7) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
13 provide technical assistance to States to assist
14 them in adopting and utilizing the core set of
15 child health measures in administering the
16 State plans under titles XIX and XXI, includ-
17 ing by assisting States in building their data
18 collection infrastructures.

19 “(B) FUNDING.—\$5,000,000 of the
20 amount appropriated under subsection (i) for a
21 fiscal year shall be used to carry out this para-
22 graph.”.

1 **SEC. 405. IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PEDI-**
2 **ATRIC QUALITY MEASURES.**

3 Section 1139A(b) of the Social Security Act (42
4 U.S.C. 1320b–9a(b)) is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (4)—

6 (A) by striking the paragraph heading and
7 inserting the following: “ENSURING THE DE-
8 VELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND REPORTING
9 OF A PORTFOLIO OF PEDIATRIC QUALITY MEAS-
10 URES”;

11 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
12 “and” at the end;

13 (C) in subparagraph (B)(iii)—

14 (i) by inserting “establishment of a
15 sustainable mechanism for maintaining
16 and” before “updating”; and

17 (ii) by striking “as necessary.” and
18 inserting “in alignment with the most re-
19 cent version of the ‘Blueprint for the
20 Measures Management System’ published
21 by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
22 Services, as necessary; and”;

23 (D) by adding at the end the following new
24 subparagraph:

25 “(C) award grants or contracts to continue
26 and enhance the pediatric quality measures pro-

1 gram, which shall include awarding grants and
2 contracts with a particular emphasis on—

3 “(i) patient and family experience or
4 coordination of care;

5 “(ii) pediatric populations that are
6 small in size and may be most effectively
7 addressed by aggregating data across mul-
8 tiple States, including pediatric populations
9 with medical complexity and pediatric pop-
10 ulations with rare conditions;

11 “(iii) the impacts of changes in life
12 events over various stages of child and ad-
13 olescent development, including changes in
14 morbidity and mortality, dependence sta-
15 tus, and developmental stages, and the im-
16 pacts of such changes on subsequent
17 health and health care quality; and

18 “(iv) establishing a sustainable mech-
19 anism for identifying and assisting States
20 in developing a standardized data infra-
21 structure for the collection and national re-
22 porting of pediatric quality measures, in-
23 cluding developing precise data element
24 definitions and utilizing consistent data
25 collection methods.”;

1 (2) by striking paragraph (5) and inserting the
2 following new paragraph:

3 “(5) REVISING, STRENGTHENING, AND IMPROV-
4 ING INITIAL CORE MEASURES.—

5 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
6 annually issue a rule (in accordance with sec-
7 tion 553 of title 5, United States Code) to
8 amend the core set of child health quality meas-
9 ures described in subsection (a) so that such
10 core set—

11 “(i) is consistent with the purposes of
12 the pediatric quality measures program es-
13 tablished under paragraph (1);

14 “(ii) meets the conditions specified in
15 paragraph (2);

16 “(iii) includes measures that—

17 “(I) were developed by the Sec-
18 retary in consultation with the entities
19 specified in subparagraphs (A)
20 through (H) of paragraph (3);

21 “(II) were developed, validated,
22 tested, or maintained through a grant
23 or contract awarded under paragraph
24 (4); and

1 “(III) were submitted to the Sec-
2 retary for consideration that were not
3 developed under such a grant or con-
4 tract; and

5 “(iv) takes into account the reports
6 and demonstration projects described in
7 subparagraphs (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this
8 section.

9 “(B) ADDITIONAL CHANGES.—Beginning
10 not later than one year after the date of the en-
11 actment of the CHIP Extension and Improve-
12 ment Act of 2015, the amendments made to the
13 core set of measures under subparagraph (A)
14 shall include changes—

15 “(i) to measure the type of children’s
16 health insurance coverage or other health
17 benefits coverage available over time, in
18 addition to the presence, stability, and du-
19 ration of such health insurance coverage or
20 such health benefits coverage over time, for
21 purposes of examining enrollment changes
22 of a child from one type of coverage to an-
23 other;

24 “(ii) to ensure that the measures re-
25 flect the care provided to the diverse pedi-

1 atric population, including adolescents and
2 children with special health care needs and
3 the management of acute and chronic con-
4 ditions;

5 “(iii) to ensure that the measures re-
6 flect care provided in all health care set-
7 tings in which an individual enrolled in the
8 State plan under title XIX receives care;
9 and

10 “(iv) to encourage the adoption of pe-
11 diatric quality measures at the State, plan,
12 community, facility, and provider level at-
13 tribution, as well as across different health
14 care delivery and coverage systems, includ-
15 ing coverage provided through the Ex-
16 changes established under title I of the Pa-
17 tient Protection and Affordable Care Act.”;

18 (3) in paragraph (6)—

19 (A) by striking “clinical care” and insert-
20 ing “clinical effectiveness, patient safety, popu-
21 lation and public health, patient and family en-
22 gagement, care coordination, or efficiency”; and

23 (B) by striking “in various institutional
24 and ambulatory health care settings”; and

1 (4) by adding at the end the following new
2 paragraph:

3 “(8) FUNDING.—\$20,000,000 of the amount
4 appropriated under subsection (i) for a fiscal year
5 shall be used to carry out this subsection.”.

6 **SEC. 406. REPORTS REGARDING STATE-SPECIFIC QUALITY**
7 **OF CARE MEASURES APPLIED UNDER MED-**
8 **ICAID OR CHIP.**

9 Section 1139A(c)(1) of the Social Security Act (42
10 U.S.C. 1320b–9a(c)) is amended—

11 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at
12 the end;

13 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period
14 at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
16 paragraphs:

17 “(C) State-specific information on the an-
18 nual progress toward, and efforts to overcome
19 barriers to, reporting on all quality measures
20 within the core set of child health quality meas-
21 ures, as updated under subsection (b)(5); and

22 “(D) beginning not later than 5 years after
23 the date of the enactment of this subparagraph,
24 State-specific information on all quality meas-

1 ures within the core set of child health quality
2 measures, as updated under subsection (b)(5).”.

3 **SEC. 407. ADVISORY PANEL REGARDING PEDIATRIC QUAL-**
4 **ITY.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1139A(g) of the Social
6 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–9a(g)) is amended—

7 (1) in the heading, by striking “STUDY OF” and
8 inserting “STAKEHOLDER INPUT AND REPORTS
9 ON”;

10 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
11 graph (3); and

12 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
13 lowing new paragraph:

14 “(2) PEDIATRIC QUALITY MEASUREMENT.—Not
15 later than 18 months after the date of the enact-
16 ment of this paragraph, the Secretary, in consulta-
17 tion with representatives of State agencies respon-
18 sible for administering the Medicaid program under
19 title XIX and the Children’s Health Insurance Pro-
20 gram under title XXI and representatives of relevant
21 provider organizations, shall submit (and periodically
22 update) to the Committee on Energy and Commerce
23 of the House of Representatives and the Committee
24 on Finance of the Senate a report that takes into
25 account the priorities and goals to be established

1 pursuant to section 1890(b)(7)(E). Such report shall
2 include—

3 “(A) strategic and detailed operational
4 plans to address and overcome barriers to State
5 collection of, and reporting of, all quality meas-
6 ures within the core set of child health quality
7 measures, as updated under subsection (b)(5);

8 “(B) an analysis of the types of incentives,
9 including Federal funding and any associated
10 amounts necessary for States to collect and re-
11 port on all quality measures within the core set
12 of child health quality measures, as updated
13 under subsection (b)(5); and

14 “(C) a standardized format and plan for
15 States to collect and report on all quality meas-
16 ures within the core set of child health quality
17 measures, as updated under subsection (b)(5).”.

18 (b) INCLUSION OF CHILD AND ADULT HEALTH
19 QUALITY MEASURES FOR MULTI-STAKEHOLDER GROUP
20 INPUT.—Section 1890(b)(7) of the Social Security Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(b)(7)) is amended—

22 (1) in subparagraph (B)(i)(I), by inserting
23 “1139A(a), 1139B,” after “sections”; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 paragraph:

1 “(E) PEDIATRIC QUALITY MEASURE-
2 MENT.—With respect to quality and efficiency
3 measures for use pursuant to section 1139A(a),
4 the entity shall convene a panel, composed of
5 health experts (including experts employed by
6 the Federal Government and experts not so em-
7 ployed) to establish priorities and goals for
8 child health to—

9 “(i) advise and make recommenda-
10 tions to the Secretary regarding changes
11 that may be made to the core set of child
12 health quality measures, as updated under
13 section 1139A(b)(5);

14 “(ii) establish standards for the time-
15 liness and accuracy of data collected and
16 reported for purposes of such measures;
17 and

18 “(iii) review and make recommenda-
19 tions, at least annually, for strategies to
20 enhance the timeliness, accuracy, and util-
21 ity of such measures.”.

22 **SEC. 408. EXTENDING AND EXPANDING DEMONSTRATION**
23 **PROJECTS.**

24 (a) **STRENGTHENING DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS**
25 **FOR IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF CHILDREN’S HEALTH**

1 CARE AND THE USE OF HEALTH INFORMATION TECH-
2 NOLOGY.—Section 1139A(d) of the Social Security Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 1320b–9a(d)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)—

5 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

6 (A)—

7 (i) by striking “2009 through 2013,
8 the Secretary shall award not more than
9 10 grants” and inserting “2015 through
10 2019, the Secretary shall award not fewer
11 than 10 grants,”; and

12 (ii) by inserting “(including oral
13 care)” after “health care”;

14 (B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “or”
15 at the end;

16 (C) in subparagraph (D), by striking the
17 period at the end and inserting a semicolon;
18 and

19 (D) by adding at the end the following new
20 subparagraphs:

21 “(E) examine and address barriers to ef-
22 fective delivery of perinatal care and its impact
23 on birth outcomes and subsequent pregnancies
24 and children’s health;

1 “(F) implement and expand pediatric and
2 perinatal learning and quality improvement
3 collaboratives on the quality of children’s and
4 pregnant women’s health care, including im-
5 proving patient outcomes, reducing health costs,
6 and addressing health disparities;

7 “(G) encourage and evaluate the use at the
8 State level of payment reform and related policy
9 proposals for purposes of promoting higher
10 quality of care for children, including the
11 shared savings program established under sec-
12 tion 1899 and other methods of encouraging in-
13 tegrated care models; or

14 “(H) with respect to the model electronic
15 health record format for children developed and
16 disseminated under subsection (f)—

17 “(i) assess the extent to which the
18 format has been incorporated into widely
19 used electronic health record formats;

20 “(ii) implement standards and activi-
21 ties that result in increased use of such
22 format; and

23 “(iii) evaluate the impact of the in-
24 creased use of such format.”;

25 (2) in paragraph (2)—

1 (A) in subparagraph (A), by striking
2 “and” at the end;

3 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking the
4 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

5 (C) by adding at the end the following new
6 subparagraph:

7 “(C) with respect to grants awarded for
8 projects described in paragraph (1)(F)—

9 “(i) give priority to collaboratives that
10 would demonstrate substantial impacts on
11 the pediatric population by—

12 “(I) affecting a large percentage
13 of such population or by substantially
14 improving outcomes in a smaller pop-
15 ulation;

16 “(II) reducing the cost of, and
17 other barriers to access to, health care
18 for children, including children with
19 medically complex illnesses or chronic
20 conditions;

21 “(III) having a high likelihood to
22 reduce disparities in health status; or

23 “(IV) potentially having long-
24 term health impacts by addressing

1 childhood precursors to adult condi-
2 tions; and

3 “(ii) encourage coordination with
4 other sources of funding in the expansion
5 of pediatric learning collaboratives, includ-
6 ing by coordinating care and utilizing com-
7 munity health workers (as defined in sec-
8 tion 399V(k) of the Public Health Service
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 280g–11(k))).”; and

10 (3) in paragraph (4)—

11 (A) by inserting “For each of fiscal years
12 2009 through 2013,” before “\$20,000,000”;
13 and

14 (B) by adding at the end the following new
15 sentence: “For each of fiscal years 2016
16 through 2019, \$25,000,000 of the amount ap-
17 propriated under subsection (i) for a fiscal year
18 shall be used to carry out this subsection.”.

19 (b) EXTENDING FUNDING FOR CHILDHOOD OBESITY
20 DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—Section 1139A(e)(8) of the
21 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–9a(e)(8)) is amend-
22 ed by inserting “, and for the period of fiscal years 2016
23 through 2019, \$25,000,000” after “2014”.

1 **Subtitle B—Continuing Delivery**
2 **System Reform**

3 **SEC. 411. SUPPORTING EVIDENCE-BASED CARE COORDINA-**
4 **TION IN COMMUNITIES.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 511(j)(1) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 711(j)(1)) is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “and” at
8 the end;

9 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking “fiscal
10 year 2014; and” and inserting “each of fiscal years
11 2014 through 2019.”; and

12 (3) by striking subparagraph (F).

13 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
14 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of
15 this Act.

16 **SEC. 412. ENSURING CARE COORDINATION FOR CHILDREN.**

17 Section 2706 of the Patient Protection and Afford-
18 able Care Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended—

19 (1) in subsection (a)(2), by striking “2016” and
20 inserting “2019”; and

21 (2) in subsection (e), by striking “appro-
22 priated” and all that follows through the period at
23 the end and inserting the following: “appropriated to
24 carry out this section—

1 “(1) for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, such sums
2 as are necessary;

3 “(2) for each of fiscal years 2016 through
4 2019, \$100,000,000; and

5 “(3) for the period beginning on October 1,
6 2019, and ending on December 31, 2019,
7 \$25,000,000.”.

8 **Subtitle C—Miscellaneous**

9 **SEC. 421. ASSURING COVERAGE CONTINUITY FOR FORMER** 10 **FOSTER CARE CHILDREN.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of
12 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
13 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)) is amended—

14 (1) in item (bb), by striking “are not described
15 in or enrolled under” and inserting “are not de-
16 scribed in and are not enrolled under”;

17 (2) in item (cc), by striking “responsibility of
18 the State” and inserting “responsibility of a State”;
19 and

20 (3) in item (dd), by striking “the State plan
21 under this title or under a waiver of the” and insert-
22 ing “a State plan under this title or under a waiver
23 of such a”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

1 **SEC. 422. DEFINITION OF THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE AS**
2 **MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905 of the Social Secu-
4 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a)—

6 (A) in paragraph (28), by striking “and”
7 at the end;

8 (B) by redesignating paragraph (29) as
9 paragraph (30); and

10 (C) by inserting after paragraph (28) the
11 following new paragraph:

12 “(29) therapeutic foster care services described
13 in subsection (ee); and”;

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

16 “(ee)(1) For purposes of subsection (a)(29), subject
17 to subparagraph (C), therapeutic foster care services de-
18 scribed in this subsection are services provided for children
19 who have not attained age 21, and who, as a result of
20 mental illness, other emotional or behavioral disorders,
21 medically fragile conditions, or developmental disabilities,
22 need the level of care provided in an institution (including
23 a psychiatric residential treatment facility) or nursing fa-
24 cility the cost of which could be reimbursed under the
25 State plan but who can be cared for or maintained in a

1 community placement, through a qualified therapeutic foster
2 care program described in paragraph (2).

3 “(2) A qualified therapeutic foster care program de-
4 scribed in this paragraph is a program that—

5 “(A) is licensed by the State and accredited by
6 the Joint Commission on Accreditation of
7 Healthcare Organizations, the Commission on Ac-
8 creditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, the Council
9 on Accreditation, or by another equivalent accredita-
10 tion agency (or agencies) as the Secretary may rec-
11 ognize;

12 “(B) provides structured daily activities, includ-
13 ing the development, improvement, monitoring, and
14 reinforcing of age-appropriate social, communication
15 and behavioral skills, trauma-informed and gender-
16 responsive services, crisis intervention and crisis sup-
17 port services, medication monitoring, counseling, and
18 case management, and may furnish other intensive
19 community services; and

20 “(C) provides foster care parents with special-
21 ized training and consultation in the management of
22 children with mental illness, trauma, other emotional
23 or behavioral disorders, medically fragile conditions,
24 or developmental disabilities, and specific additional

1 training on the needs of each child provided such
2 services.

3 “(3) In making coverage determinations under para-
4 graph (1), a State may employ medical necessity criteria
5 that are similar to the medical necessity criteria applied
6 to coverage determinations for other services and supports
7 under this title.

8 “(4) The services described in this subsection do not
9 include the training referred to in paragraph (2)(C).”.

10 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
11 subsection (a) shall apply to calendar quarters beginning
12 on or after the date of enactment of this Act.

13 **SEC. 423. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.**

14 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1917(d)(4)(A) of the So-
15 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396p(d)(4)(A)) is amended
16 by inserting “the individual,” after “for the benefit of such
17 individual by”.

18 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
19 subsection (a) shall apply to trusts established on or after
20 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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