

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3853

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to increase under the Medicaid program the minimum monthly personal needs allowance for institutionalized individuals and couples, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2019

Ms. WEXTON (for herself and Ms. NORTON) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Personal Needs Allow-
5 ance Modernization Act” or the “PNA Modernization
6 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM THE**
2 **MINIMUM MONTHLY PERSONAL NEEDS AL-**
3 **LOWANCE FOR INSTITUTIONALIZED INDIVID-**
4 **UALS AND COUPLES.**

5 Section 1902(q)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
6 U.S.C. 1396a(q)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting after “\$30” the following: “(or,
8 beginning January 1, 2020, \$60)”;

9 (2) by inserting after “and \$60” the following:
10 “(or, beginning January 1, 2020, \$120)”;

11 (3) by adding at the end the following new sen-
12 tence: “Whenever benefit amounts under title II of
13 the Social Security Act are increased by any per-
14 centage effective with a month after November 2020
15 as a result of a determination made under section
16 215(i) of such Act, each of the dollar amounts in ef-
17 fect under the previous sentence for the month be-
18 fore such month shall be increased by the same per-
19 centage.”.

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