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To require States to report information on Medicaid payments to abortion providers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OLSON (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. BANKS, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. COLE, and Mr. POSEY) 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 “Taxpayer Conscience
5 Protection Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIRED REPORTING OF MEDICAID PAYMENTS**
7 **TO ABORTION PROVIDERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days after the
9 end of the first fiscal year ending after the date of the

1 enactment of this Act and each fiscal year thereafter, each
2 State that makes a Medicaid payment from Federal funds
3 during the fiscal year for any items or services furnished
4 by an abortion provider shall—

5 (1) submit to the Secretary a report on all such
6 payments; and

7 (2) publish the report on a public internet
8 website of the State.

9 (b) REPORT DESCRIBED.—The report under sub-
10 section (a) shall, with respect to a State that makes a
11 Medicaid payment from Federal funds during the fiscal
12 year for any items or services furnished by an abortion
13 provider, include the following:

14 (1) With respect to each such payment, each of
15 the following:

16 (A) A specification of the amount of the
17 payment.

18 (B) A specification of the purposes for
19 which the payment was made.

20 (C) A comparison of the amount of the
21 payment with the amount of any such payment
22 to the provider involved in any prior fiscal year.

23 (2) A specification of the number of abortions
24 performed during the fiscal year by the provider in-

1 involved and the gestational age with respect to each
2 such abortion.

3 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90 days
4 after the end of each fiscal year described in subsection
5 (a), the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on En-
6 ergy and Commerce of the House of Representatives and
7 to the Committee on Finance of the Senate, and publish
8 on a public internet website of the Department of Health
9 and Human Services, a report that—

10 (1) contains the reports submitted pursuant to
11 subsection (a) for the fiscal year; and

12 (2) includes a summary of the reports.

13 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

14 (1) ABORTION PROVIDER.—The term “abortion
15 provider” means an entity that—

16 (A) performs (or refers an individual for)
17 an abortion; or

18 (B) controls, is controlled by, or is under
19 common control with, an entity described in
20 subparagraph (A).

21 (2) MEDICAID PAYMENT FROM FEDERAL
22 FUNDS.—The term “Medicaid payment from Fed-
23 eral funds” means a payment for which there is
24 Federal financial participation under title XIX of
25 the Social Security Act.

1 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

3 (4) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-
4 ing given the term for purposes of title XIX of the
5 Social Security Act.

6 (e) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECU-
7 RITY ACT.—Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
10 (85);

11 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
12 graph (86) and inserting “; and”; and

13 (3) by inserting after paragraph (86) the fol-
14 lowing:

15 “(87) provide for the submission of reports in
16 accordance with section 2 of the Taxpayer Con-
17 science Protection Act of 2019.”.

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