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# S. 1698

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 3, 2019

Mr. CASEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Expanded Coverage  
5 for Former Foster Youth Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COVERAGE CONTINUITY FOR FORMER FOSTER**  
 2 **CARE CHILDREN UP TO AGE 26.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1002(a)(1)(B) of the  
 4 SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act (Public  
 5 Law 115–271) is amended by striking all that follows  
 6 after “item (cc),” and inserting the following: “by striking  
 7 ‘responsibility of the State’ and all that follows through  
 8 ‘475(8)(B)(iii); and’ and inserting ‘responsibility of a  
 9 State on the date of attaining 18 years of age (or such  
 10 higher age as such State has elected under section  
 11 475(8)(B)(iii)), or who were in such care at any age but  
 12 subsequently left such care to enter into a legal guardian-  
 13 ship with a kinship caregiver (without regard to whether  
 14 kinship guardianship payments are being made on behalf  
 15 of the child under this part) or were emancipated from  
 16 such care prior to attaining age 18;’”.

17 (b) AMENDMENTS TO SOCIAL SECURITY ACT.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section  
 19 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of the Social Security Act (42  
 20 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)), as amended by sec-  
 21 tion 1002(a) of the SUPPORT for Patients and  
 22 Communities Act (Public Law 115–271), is amend-  
 23 ed—

24 (A) in item (bb), by striking the semicolon  
 25 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

26 (B) by striking item (dd).

1           (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made  
2           by this subsection shall take effect on January 1,  
3           2023.

4 **SEC. 3. OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR ENROLLMENT OF**  
5 **FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN.**

6           Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
7 1396a(a)) is amended—

8           (1) in paragraph (85), by striking “; and” and  
9           inserting a semicolon;

10          (2) in paragraph (86), by striking the period at  
11          the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

14               “(87) not later than January 1, 2020, establish  
15               an outreach and enrollment program, in coordination  
16               with the State agency responsible for administering  
17               the State plan under part E of title IV and any  
18               other appropriate or interested agencies, designed to  
19               increase the enrollment of individuals who are eligi-  
20               ble for medical assistance under the State plan  
21               under paragraph (10)(A)(i)(IX) in accordance with  
22               best practices established by the Secretary.”.

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