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S. 453

To increase support for State Children’s Health Insurance programs during the COVID–19 emergency, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 25, 2021

Mr. CASEY (for himself and Mr. VAN HOLLEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Children’s Health In-
5 surance Program Pandemic Enhancement and Relief Act”
6 or the “CHIPPER Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASING THE CHIP ENHANCED FMAP TO HELP**
2 **STATES RESPOND TO THE COVID-19 PAN-**
3 **DEMIC.**

4 Section 2105(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1397ee(b)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking “For purposes of subsection
7 (a),” and inserting the following:

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
9 (a),”;

10 (2) in the second sentence—

11 (A) by inserting “, subject to paragraph
12 (2),” after “23 percentage points, and”; and

13 (B) by striking “September 30, 2020” and
14 inserting “September 30, 2022”; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraph:

17 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—During the period that
18 begins on October 1, 2020, and ends on September
19 30, 2022, a State shall not receive the increase de-
20 scribed in the second sentence of paragraph (1) to
21 the enhanced FMAP for such State, with respect to
22 a quarter that occurs during such period, if—

23 “(A) the amount of any premium imposed
24 by the State under the State child health plan
25 (or a waiver of such plan) during such quarter,
26 with respect to an individual enrolled under

1 such plan (or waiver), exceeds the amount of
2 such premium as of January 1, 2020;

3 “(B) the State fails to provide that an in-
4 dividual who is enrolled for benefits under such
5 plan (or waiver) as of the date of enactment of
6 this paragraph or enrolls for benefits under
7 such plan (or waiver) during the period begin-
8 ning on such date of enactment and ending on
9 the last day of the month in which the emer-
10 gency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of
11 section 1135(g) ends shall be treated as eligible
12 for such benefits through the end of the month
13 in which such emergency period ends unless the
14 individual requests a voluntary termination of
15 eligibility or the individual ceases to be a resi-
16 dent of the State;

17 “(C) the State does not provide coverage
18 under such plan (or waiver), without the impo-
19 sition of cost sharing, during such quarter for
20 any testing services and treatments for
21 COVID-19, including vaccines, specialized
22 equipment, and therapies;

23 “(D) the State imposes a waiting period
24 under the State child health plan prior to the

1 provision of child health assistance to a tar-
2 geted low-income child; or

3 “(E) the State fails to take active meas-
4 ures (as determined by the Secretary) to iden-
5 tify and re-enroll children who are eligible for
6 child health assistance under the State plan and
7 who were previously enrolled in such plan.”.

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