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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to establish a community engagement requirement for certain individuals under the Medicaid program.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself and Ms. HAGEMAN) 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. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT**
4 **FOR APPLICABLE INDIVIDUALS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903(i) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(i)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (26), by striking “; or” and
8 inserting a semicolon;

9 (2) in paragraph (27), by striking the period at
10 the end and inserting “; or”;

1 (3) by inserting after paragraph (27) the fol-
2 lowing new paragraph:

3 “(28) with respect to any amount expended for
4 medical assistance for an applicable individual for a
5 month in a calendar year if such individual did not
6 meet the community engagement requirement under
7 section 1905(jj) for 3 or more preceding months
8 during such calendar year while such individual was
9 an applicable individual and was enrolled in a State
10 plan (or waiver of such plan) under this title.”; and

11 (4) in the flush left matter at the end, by strik-
12 ing “and (18),” and inserting “(18), and (28)”.

13 (b) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT.—
14 Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d)
15 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
16 section:

17 “(jj) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT FOR
18 APPLICABLE INDIVIDUALS.—

19 “(1) COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REQUIREMENT
20 DESCRIBED.—For purposes of section 1903(i)(28),
21 the community engagement requirement described in
22 this subsection with respect to an applicable indi-
23 vidual and a month is that such individual satisfies
24 at least one of the following with respect to such
25 month:

1 “(A) The individual works 80 hours or
2 more per month, or has a monthly income that
3 is at least equal to the Federal minimum wage
4 under section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards
5 Act of 1938, multiplied by 80 hours.

6 “(B) The individual completes 80 hours or
7 more of community service per month.

8 “(C) The individual participates in a work
9 program for at least 80 hours per month.

10 “(D) The individual participates in a com-
11 bination of work, including community service,
12 and a work program for a total of at least 80
13 hours per month.

14 “(2) VERIFICATION.—For purposes of verifying
15 the compliance of an applicable individual with the
16 community engagement requirement under para-
17 graph (1), a State Medicaid agency shall, whenever
18 possible, prioritize the utilization of existing data-
19 bases or other verification measures, including the
20 National Change of Address Database Maintained
21 by the United States Postal Service, State health
22 and human services agencies, payroll databases, or
23 other reliable sources of information, prior to seek-
24 ing additional verification from such individual.

25 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

1 “(A) APPLICABLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term
2 ‘applicable individual’ means any individual who
3 is not—

4 “(i) under 18 years of age or over 65
5 years of age;

6 “(ii) physically or mentally unfit for
7 employment, as determined by a physician
8 or other medical professional;

9 “(iii) pregnant;

10 “(iv) the parent or caretaker of a de-
11 pendent child;

12 “(v) the parent or caretaker of an in-
13 capacitated person;

14 “(vi) complying with work require-
15 ments under a different program under
16 Federal law;

17 “(vii) participating in a drug or alco-
18 hol treatment and rehabilitation program
19 (as defined in section 3(h) of the Food and
20 Nutrition Act of 2008); or

21 “(viii) enrolled in an educational pro-
22 gram at least half time.

23 “(B) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.—The term
24 ‘educational program’ means—

1 “(i) an institution of higher education
2 (as defined in section 101(a) of the Higher
3 Education Act of 1965);

4 “(ii) a program of career and tech-
5 nical education (as defined in section 3 of
6 the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical
7 Education Act of 2006); or

8 “(iii) any other educational program
9 approved by the Secretary.

10 “(C) STATE MEDICAID AGENCY.—The
11 term ‘State Medicaid agency’ means the State
12 agency responsible for administering the State
13 Medicaid plan.

14 “(D) WORK PROGRAM.—The term ‘work
15 program’ has the meaning given such term in
16 section 6(o)(1) of the Food and Nutrition Act
17 of 2008.”.

18 (c) STATE OPTION TO DISENROLL CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS.—Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42
19 U.S.C. 1396a(a)) is amended by adding at the end of the
20 flush left text following paragraph (87) the following:
21 “Notwithstanding any of the preceding provisions of this
22 subsection, at the option of a State, such State may elect
23 to disenroll an applicable individual for a month if, with
24 respect to medical assistance furnished to such individual
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1 for such month, no Federal financial participation would
2 be available, pursuant to section 1903(i)(28).”.

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