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[Report No. 117-]

To require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue and disseminate guidance to States to clarify strategies to address social determinants of health under the Medicaid program and the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 15, 2021

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

AUGUST --, 2021

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 15, 2021]

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 “Collecting and Ana-*
5 *lyzing Resources Integral and Necessary for Guidance for*
6 *Social Determinants Act of 2021” or the “CARING for So-*
7 *cial Determinants Act of 2021”.*

8 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO ISSUE GUIDANCE TO CLARIFY**
9 **STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS SOCIAL DETER-**
10 **MINANTS OF HEALTH IN THE MEDICAID PRO-**
11 **GRAM AND THE CHILDREN’S HEALTH INSUR-**
12 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

13 *Not later than 3 years after the date of the enactment*
14 *of this Act, and not less frequently than once every 3 years*
15 *thereafter, the Secretary of Health and Human Services*
16 *shall update the State Health Office letter 21-001, issued*
17 *on January 7, 2021, to clarify strategies to address social*
18 *determinants of health under the Medicaid program and the*
19 *Children’s Health Insurance Program. Such update shall*
20 *include the following:*

21 *(1) Guidance to State Medicaid agencies regard-*
22 *ing the strategies that States can implement under*
23 *authorities in existence as of such update under title*
24 *XIX of the Social Security Act, title XXI of such Act,*
25 *or section 1115 of such Act to address social deter-*

1 *minants of health in the provision of health care, in-*
2 *cluding strategies specifically targeting children re-*
3 *ceiving medical assistance under a State plan under*
4 *title XIX of such Act (or a waiver of such plan) or*
5 *child health assistance under a State child health*
6 *plan under title XXI of such Act.*

7 *(2) Guidance on how States can encourage and*
8 *incentivize managed care entities to address social de-*
9 *terminants of health through contracts with such enti-*
10 *ties.*

11 *(3) Updated examples from States with respect*
12 *to how States are addressing social determinants of*
13 *health in the provision of health care under the Med-*
14 *icaid program under title XIX of the Social Security*
15 *Act and the Children’s Health Insurance Program*
16 *under title XXI of such Act, including through pay-*
17 *ment models.*