AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4005
OFFERED BY M_.

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Medicaid Reentry Act”.

SEC. 2. PROMOTING STATE INNOVATIONS TO EASE TRANSITIONS TO THE COMMUNITY FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INMATES OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION.

(a) Stakeholder Group Development of Best Practices; Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program.—

(1) Stakeholder group best practices.—
Not later than 6 months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall convene a stakeholder group of representatives of managed care organizations, Medicaid beneficiaries, the National Association of Medicaid Directors, and other relevant representatives from local, State, and Federal jail and prison
systems to develop best practices (and submit to the Secretary and Congress a report on such best practices) for States to ease the health care-related transition of an individual who is an inmate of a public institution from the public institution to the community, including best practices for ensuring continuity of health insurance coverage or coverage under the State Medicaid plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act, as applicable, and relevant social services.

(2) Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program.—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, shall work with States on innovative strategies to help individuals who are inmates of public institutions and otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act transition, with respect to enrollment for medical assistance under such program, seamlessly to the community.

(b) Guidance on Innovative Service Delivery Systems Demonstration Project Opportunities.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
through the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, shall issue a State Medicaid Director letter, based on best practices developed under subsection (a)(1), regarding opportunities to design demonstration projects under section 1115 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) to improve care transitions for individuals who are inmates of a public institution and who are otherwise eligible to receive medical assistance under title XIX of the such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.), including systems for, with respect to the 30-day period prior to the day on which such individuals are expected to be released from such institution

(1) providing assistance and education for enrollment under a State plan under the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act for such individuals during such period; and

(2) health care services for such individuals during such period; and

(c) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing under title XIX of the Social Security Act or any other provision of law precludes a State from reclassifying or suspending (rather than terminating) eligibility of an individual for medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act while such individual is an inmate of a public institution.
Amend the title so as to read: “A bill to promote State innovations to ease transitions to the community for individuals who are inmates of a public institution and eligible for medical assistance under the Medicaid program.”.