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A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

2 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

3 This Act may be cited as the “Health Insurance for Former Foster Youth Act”.
SEC. 2. COVERAGE CONTINUITY FOR FORMER FOSTER CARE CHILDREN UP TO AGE 26.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)) is amended—

(1) in item (bb)—

(A) by striking “are not described in or enrolled under” and inserting “are not described in and are not enrolled under”; and

(B) by striking the semicolon at the end and inserting “; and”;

(2) in item (cc), by striking “responsibility of the State” and all that follows through “475(8)(B)(iii); and” and inserting “responsibility of a State on the date of attaining 18 years of age (or such higher age as such State has elected under section 475(8)(B)(iii)), or who were in such care on the date of attaining 14 years of age but subsequently left such care to enter into a legal guardianship with a kinship caregiver (without regard to whether kinship guardianship payments are being made on behalf of the child under this part)”; and

(3) by striking item (dd).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of this Act.
SEC. 3. OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR ENROLLMENT OF FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN.

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

(1) in paragraph (82), by striking “; and” and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (83), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (83) the following new paragraph:

“(84) not later than January 1, 2019, establish an outreach and enrollment program, in coordination with the State agency responsible for administering the State plan under part E of title IV and any other appropriate or interested agencies, designed to increase the enrollment of individuals who are eligible for medical assistance under the State plan under paragraph (10)(A)(i)(IX) in accordance with best practices established by the Secretary.”.