

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4998
OFFERED BY M . _____**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Health Insurance for
3 Former Foster Youth Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. COVERAGE CONTINUITY FOR FORMER FOSTER
5 CARE CHILDREN UP TO AGE 26.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)) is amended—

9 (1) in item (bb), by striking “are not described
10 in or enrolled under” and inserting “are not de-
11 scribed in and are not enrolled under”;

12 (2) in item (cc), by striking “responsibility of
13 the State” and inserting “responsibility of a State”;
14 and

15 (3) in item (dd), by striking “the State plan
16 under this title or under a waiver of the” and insert-
17 ing “a State plan under this title or under a waiver
18 of such a”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 this section shall take effect with respect to foster youth
3 who attain 18 years of age on or after January 1, 2023.

4 **SEC. 3. GUIDANCE.**

5 Not later than one year after the date of the enact-
6 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human
7 Services shall issue guidance to States, with respect to the
8 State Medicaid programs of such States—

9 (1) on best practices for—

10 (A) removing barriers and ensuring
11 streamlined, timely access to Medicaid coverage
12 for former foster youth up to age 26;

13 (B) tracking the Medicaid coverage status
14 and verifying Medicaid eligibility for such
15 youth; and

16 (C) conducting outreach and raising
17 awareness among such youth regarding Med-
18 icaid coverage options for such youth; and

19 (2) which shall include examples of States that
20 have successfully extended Medicaid coverage to
21 former foster youth up to age 26.

