AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 4998
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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
CARE CHILDREN UP TO AGE 26.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of
6 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
7 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)) is amended—
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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”; 
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13 (2) in item (cc), by striking “responsibility of
14 the State” and inserting “responsibility of a State”; 
15 and
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17 (3) in item (dd), by striking “the State plan
18 under this title or under a waiver of the” and insert-
19 ing “a State plan under this title or under a waiver 
20 of such a”. 

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

SEC. 3. GUIDANCE.

Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall issue guidance to States, with respect to the State Medicaid programs of such States—

(1) on best practices for—

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

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

(C) conducting outreach and raising awareness among such youth regarding Medicaid coverage options for such youth; and

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