

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to allow States to promote Medicaid and CHIP objectives through work or community engagement requirements.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BRAUN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “_____ Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROMOTING MEDICAID AND CHIP OBJECTIVES**

6 **THROUGH WORK OR COMMUNITY ENGAGE-**
7 **MENT REQUIREMENTS.**

8 Section 1115(d) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

9 1315(d)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “(which may
2 include the objective to reduce dependence on med-
3 ical assistance by conditioning the receipt of medical
4 assistance on the satisfaction of a work or commu-
5 nity engagement requirement (as defined in para-
6 graph (4))” after “the objectives of title XIX or
7 XXI”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new
9 paragraph:

10 “(4)(A) For purposes of this subsection, the
11 term ‘work or community engagement requirement’
12 means, with respect to an individual, the individual’s
13 participation in work activities (as defined in section
14 407(d)) for such period of time as determined by the
15 State, and as directed and administered by the
16 State.

17 “(B) Such term shall not include any require-
18 ment that applies with respect to any of the fol-
19 lowing categories of individuals:

20 “(i) Individuals who are age 65 or older.

21 “(ii) Individuals who are age 19 or young-
22 er.

23 “(iii) Individuals who are eligible for bene-
24 fits or assistance under the Temporary Assist-
25 ance for Needy Families program under part A

1 of title IV title IV or the Supplemental Nutri-
2 tion Assistance Program established under the
3 Food and Nutrition Act of 2008.

4 “(iv) Individuals who are medically frail
5 (as defined in section 1937(a)(2)(B)(vi)).

6 “(v) Individuals during pregnancy and the
7 60-day postpartum period beginning on the last
8 day of pregnancy.

9 “(vi) Individuals suffering from a tem-
10 porary illness or incapacity that an appropriate
11 professional has certified prevents their partici-
12 pation in work activities.

13 “(vii) Individuals who are engaged in
14 treatment for a substance use disorder.

15 “(viii) Individuals whose participation in
16 work activities is subject to any other good
17 cause exemption established by the State and
18 approved by the Secretary.”.