

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. _____

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove certain age restrictions on Medicaid eligibility for working adults with disabilities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN 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 “Ensuring Access to
5 Medicaid Buy-in Programs Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. REMOVING CERTAIN AGE RESTRICTIONS ON MED-**
7 **ICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS**
8 **WITH DISABILITIES.**

9 (a) MODIFICATION OF OPTIONAL BUY-IN GROUPS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)
2 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)) is amended—

4 (A) in subclause (XV)—

5 (i) by striking “, but less than 65,”;

6 and

7 (ii) by inserting “, including at least
8 the group described in section
9 1905(a)(xviii)” before the semicolon at the
10 end; and

11 (B) in subclause (XVI), by inserting “in-
12 cluding at least the group described in section
13 1905(a)(xii),” after “the State may establish,”.

14 (2) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—Section 1905(a)
15 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is
16 amended—

17 (A) in clause (xvi), by striking “or” at the
18 end;

19 (B) in clause (xvii), by adding “or” after
20 the comma at the end; and

21 (C) by adding after clause (xvii) the fol-
22 lowing new clause:

23 “(xviii) individuals who, but for earn-
24 ings in excess of the limit established
25 under subsection (q)(2)(B), would be con-

1 sidered to be receiving supplemental secu-
2 rity income, and who are at least 16 years
3 of age,”.

4 (3) DEFINITION MODIFICATION.—Section
5 1905(v)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1396d(v)(1)(A)) is amended by striking “, but less
7 than 65,”.

8 (b) APPLICATION TO CERTAIN STATES.—A State
9 that, as of the date of enactment of this Act, provides for
10 making medical assistance available to individuals de-
11 scribed in subclause (XV) or (XVI) of section
12 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
13 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)) shall not be regarded as failing to
14 comply with the requirements of the amendments made
15 by subsection (a) before January 1, 2028.