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H. R. 351

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 2011

Mr. SERRANO introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Medicaid Newborn
5 Coverage Act of 2011”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT OF PROOF OF CITIZEN-**
2 **SHIP DURING FIRST YEAR OF LIFE FOR CHIL-**
3 **DREN BORN IN THE UNITED STATES TO A**
4 **MEDICAID-ELIGIBLE MOTHER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903(x)(2) of such Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1396b(x)(2)) is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subparagraphs (D) and
8 (E) as subparagraphs (E) and (F), respectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after subparagraph (C) the fol-
10 lowing new subparagraph:

11 “(D) and is a child born to a woman eligible for
12 and receiving medical assistance under this title on
13 the date of the child’s birth, without regard to the
14 child’s basis of eligibility for medical assistance, but
15 only with respect to medical assistance for items and
16 services furnished during the child’s first year of
17 life;”.

18 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall take effect on the date of the enactment
20 of this Act and section 1903(x)(2)(D) of the Social Secu-
21 rity Act, as inserted by subsection (a)(2), shall apply to
22 children born on or after the date of the enactment of this
23 Act.

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