

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. 712

To amend the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act to provide for immediate eligibility for former foster youth under Medicaid.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2021

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

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 “Dosha Joi Immediate
5 Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROVIDING FOR IMMEDIATE MEDICAID ELIGI-**
7 **BILITY FOR FORMER FOSTER YOUTH.**

8 Section 1002(a)(2) of the SUPPORT for Patients
9 and Communities Act (Public Law 115–271) is amended
10 by striking “January 1, 2023” and inserting “the date

1 of enactment of the Dosha Joi Immediate Coverage for
 2 Former Foster Youth Act”.

3 **SEC. 3. OUTREACH EFFORTS FOR ENROLLMENT OF**
 4 **FORMER FOSTER CHILDREN.**

5 Section 1902(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 6 1396a(a)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (85), by striking “; and” and
 8 inserting a semicolon;

9 (2) in paragraph (86), by striking the period at
 10 the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (3) by inserting after paragraph (86) the fol-
 12 lowing new paragraph:

13 “(87) not later than January 1, 2022, establish
 14 an outreach and enrollment program, in coordination
 15 with the State agency responsible for administering
 16 the State plan under part E of title IV and any
 17 other appropriate or interested agencies, designed to
 18 increase the enrollment of individuals who are eligi-
 19 ble for medical assistance under the State plan
 20 under paragraph (10)(A)(i)(IX) in accordance with
 21 best practices established by the Secretary.”.

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