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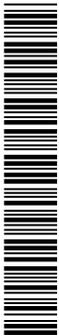
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. DINGELL (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. TOWNS, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. RUSH, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ALLEN, Mrs. CAPPES, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. GORDON, and Mr. ENGEL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide fiscal relief and program simplification to States, to improve coverage and services to medicaid beneficiaries, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*



1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
3 “Strengthening Our States Act of 2003” or the “SOS Act
4 of 2003”.

5 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
6 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

TITLE I—STRENGTHENING FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR
MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

Sec. 101. Assuming Federal responsibility for all medicare cost-sharing.
Sec. 102. Expanded protections for low income medicare beneficiaries.

TITLE II—PROVIDING STATES FISCAL RELIEF

Sec. 201. Temporary increase of medicaid FMAP.
Sec. 202. Temporary grants for State fiscal relief.
Sec. 203. Increasing medicaid DSH allotments.
Sec. 204. Increased State access to unspent SCHIP funds.
Sec. 205. Federal responsibility for emergency care for illegal immigrants.
Sec. 206. Increased Federal responsibility for translation services.
Sec. 207. Increased Federal matching rates for certain services.

TITLE III—HELPING STATES WITH COMMITMENT TO ELDERLY
AND DISABLED; FAMILY OPPORTUNITY ACT

Subtitle A—Elderly and Persons with Disabilities

Sec. 301. Full accounting of savings in determining cost-effectiveness.
Sec. 302. Extension of medicaid coverage under the ticket to work program to
cover spouses.
Sec. 303. Encouraging transition to home and community care.
Sec. 304. Enhanced matching rate for disabled individuals awaiting medicare
eligibility.
Sec. 305. Providing initial term of 5 years for section 1915 waivers.
Sec. 306. Optional coverage of community-based attendant services and sup-
ports under the medicaid program.

Subtitle B—Family Opportunity Act

Sec. 311. Short title.
Sec. 312. Opportunity for families of disabled children to purchase medicaid
coverage for such children.
Sec. 313. Treatment of inpatient psychiatric hospital services for individuals
under age 21 in home or community-based services waivers.
Sec. 314. Demonstration of coverage under the medicaid program of children
with potentially severe disabilities.
Sec. 315. Development and support of family-to-family health information cen-
ters.



Sec. 316. Restoration of medicaid eligibility for certain SSI beneficiaries.

TITLE IV—FACILITATING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND PRESERVING COVERAGE

Sec. 401. Allowing uniform coverage of all low income Americans.

Sec. 402. Facilitating coverage of families.

Sec. 403. Assistance with coverage of legal immigrants under the medicaid program and SCHIP.

Sec. 404. Flexibility in eligibility determinations.

1 **TITLE I—STRENGTHENING FED-**
2 **ERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR**
3 **MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES**

4 **SEC. 101. ASSUMING FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL**
5 **MEDICARE COST-SHARING.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(b) of the Social Se-
7 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “and” before “(4)”; and

9 (2) by inserting before the period the following:

10 “, and (5) the Federal medical assistance percentage
11 shall be 100 percent with respect to medical assist-
12 ance provided with costs described in section
13 1905(p)(3)”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1902 of
15 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a) is amended by striking sub-
16 section (n).

17 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
18 this section shall apply to medical assistance for medicare
19 cost-sharing for months beginning with July 2003.



1 **SEC. 102. EXPANDED PROTECTIONS FOR LOW INCOME**
2 **MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(E) of the So-
4 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(E)) is
5 amended—

6 (1) by adding “and” at the end of clause (ii);

7 (2) in clause (iii), by striking “110 percent in
8 1993 and 1994, and 120 percent in 1995 and
9 years” and inserting “135 percent”; and

10 (3) by striking clause (iv).

11 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1933 of
12 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396v) is repealed.

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 subsection (a), and the repeal made by subsection (b),
15 shall apply to months after September 2003.

16 **TITLE II—PROVIDING STATES**
17 **FISCAL RELIEF**

18 **SEC. 201. TEMPORARY INCREASE OF MEDICAID FMAP.**

19 (a) PERMITTING MAINTENANCE OF FISCAL YEAR
20 2002 FMAP FOR LAST 2 CALENDAR QUARTERS OF FIS-
21 CAL YEAR 2003.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
22 law, but subject to subsection (e), if the FMAP deter-
23 mined without regard to this section for a State for fiscal
24 year 2003 is less than the FMAP as so determined for
25 fiscal year 2002, the FMAP for the State for fiscal year
26 2002 shall be substituted for the State’s FMAP for the



1 third and fourth calendar quarters of fiscal year 2003, be-
2 fore the application of this section.

3 (b) PERMITTING MAINTENANCE OF FISCAL YEAR
4 2003 FMAP FOR FISCAL YEAR 2004.—Notwithstanding
5 any other provision of law, but subject to subsection (e),
6 if the FMAP determined without regard to this section
7 for a State for fiscal year 2004 is less than the FMAP
8 as so determined for fiscal year 2003, the FMAP for the
9 State for fiscal year 2003 shall be substituted for the
10 State's FMAP for each calendar quarter of fiscal year
11 2004, before the application of this section.

12 (c) GENERAL 3.73 PERCENTAGE POINTS INCREASE
13 FOR LAST 2 CALENDAR QUARTERS OF FISCAL YEAR 2003
14 AND FISCAL YEAR 2004.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
15 vision of law, but subject to subsections (e) and (f), for
16 each State for the third and fourth calendar quarters of
17 fiscal year 2003 and each calendar quarter of fiscal year
18 2004, the FMAP (taking into account the application of
19 subsections (a) and (b)) shall be increased by 3.73 per-
20 centage points.

21 (d) INCREASE IN CAP ON MEDICAID PAYMENTS TO
22 TERRITORIES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
23 law, but subject to subsection (f), with respect to the third
24 and fourth calendar quarters of fiscal year 2003 and each
25 calendar quarter of fiscal year 2004, the amounts other-



1 wise determined for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands,
2 Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and American
3 Samoa under subsections (f) and (g) of section 1108 of
4 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308) shall each be
5 increased by an amount equal to 7.46 percent of such
6 amounts.

7 (e) SCOPE OF APPLICATION.—The increases in the
8 FMAP for a State under this section shall apply only for
9 purposes of title XIX of the Social Security Act and shall
10 not apply with respect to—

11 (1) disproportionate share hospital payments
12 described in section 1923 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
13 1396r-4); or

14 (2) payments under title IV or XXI of such Act
15 (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq. and 1397aa et seq.).

16 (f) STATE ELIGIBILITY.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), a
18 State is eligible for an increase in its FMAP under
19 subsection (c) or an increase in a cap amount under
20 subsection (d) only if the eligibility under its State
21 plan under title XIX of the Social Security Act (in-
22 cluding any waiver under such title or under section
23 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315)) is no more re-
24 strictive than the eligibility under such plan (or
25 waiver) as in effect on September 2, 2003.



1 (2) STATE REINSTATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY
2 PERMITTED.—A State that has restricted eligibility
3 under its State plan under title XIX of the Social
4 Security Act (including any waiver under such title
5 or under section 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1315)) after September 2, 2003, but prior to the
7 date of enactment of this Act is eligible for an in-
8 crease in its FMAP under subsection (c) or an in-
9 crease in a cap amount under subsection (d) in the
10 first calendar quarter (and subsequent calendar
11 quarters) in which the State has reinstated eligibility
12 that is no more restrictive than the eligibility under
13 such plan (or waiver) as in effect on September 2,
14 2003.

15 (3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
16 paragraph (1) or (2) shall be construed as affecting
17 a State’s flexibility with respect to benefits offered
18 under the State medicaid program under title XIX
19 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.)
20 (including any waiver under such title or under sec-
21 tion 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315)).

22 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 (1) FMAP.—The term “FMAP” means the
24 Federal medical assistance percentage, as defined in



1 section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42
2 U.S.C. 1396d(b)).

3 (2) STATE.—The term “State” has the mean-
4 ing given such term for purposes of title XIX of the
5 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

6 (h) REPEAL.—Effective as of October 1, 2004, this
7 section is repealed.

8 **SEC. 202. TEMPORARY GRANTS FOR STATE FISCAL RELIEF.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title XX of the Social Security
10 Act (42 U.S.C. 1397–1397f) is amended by adding at the
11 end the following:

12 **“SEC. 2008. ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY GRANTS FOR STATE**
13 **FISCAL RELIEF.**

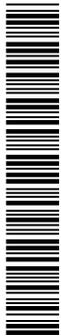
14 “(a) IN GENERAL.—For the purpose of providing
15 State fiscal relief allotments to States under this section,
16 there are hereby appropriated, out of any funds in the
17 Treasury not otherwise appropriated, \$15,000,000,000.
18 Such funds shall be available for obligation by the State
19 through June 30, 2005, and for expenditure by the State
20 through September 30, 2005. This section constitutes
21 budget authority in advance of appropriations Acts and
22 represents the obligation of the Federal Government to
23 provide for the payment to States of amounts provided
24 under this section.



1 “(b) ALLOTMENT.—Funds appropriated under sub-
 2 section (a) shall be allotted by the Secretary among the
 3 States in accordance with the following table:

“State	Allotment (in dollars)
Alabama	\$170,940,139
Alaska	\$42,076,374
Amer. Samoa	\$414,007
Arizona	\$261,264,449
Arkansas	\$133,398,723
California	\$1,583,851,051
Colorado	\$143,030,332
Connecticut	\$207,204,156
Delaware	\$38,537,434
District of Columbia	\$65,034,813
Florida	\$624,655,953
Georgia	\$368,582,068
Guam	\$669,845
Hawaii	\$46,337,939
Idaho	\$48,659,904
Illinois	\$543,631,283
Indiana	\$271,629,605
Iowa	\$130,309,854
Kansas	\$94,370,028
Kentucky	\$212,122,967
Louisiana	\$239,827,085
Maine	\$92,781,591
Maryland	\$236,000,265
Massachusetts	\$472,765,757
Michigan	\$435,451,207
Minnesota	\$302,429,550
Mississippi	\$176,956,163
Missouri	\$302,534,081
Montana	\$36,437,168
Nebraska	\$79,550,313
Nevada	\$52,331,624
New Hampshire	\$54,101,351
New Jersey	\$411,954,920
New Mexico	\$112,850,197
New York	\$2,383,327,447
North Carolina	\$439,742,488
North Dakota	\$27,253,781
N. Mariana Islands	\$233,880
Ohio	\$616,448,513
Oklahoma	\$146,240,811
Oregon	\$167,002,460
Pennsylvania	\$745,862,667
Puerto Rico	\$18,916,230
Rhode Island	\$80,098,624
South Carolina	\$184,217,430
South Dakota	\$30,302,145
Tennessee	\$350,273,887
Texas	\$814,722,031
Utah	\$63,422,131
Vermont	\$40,549,714
Virgin Islands	\$624,499
Virginia	\$215,155,129
Washington	\$298,697,312
West Virginia	\$95,818,709
Wisconsin	\$270,901,128
Wyoming	\$17,496,788
Total	\$15,000,000,000

4 “(c) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated under
 5 this section may be used by a State for services directed



1 at the goals set forth in section 2001, subject to the re-
2 quirements of this title.

3 “(d) PAYMENT TO STATES.—Not later than 30 days
4 after amounts are appropriated under subsection (a), in
5 addition to any payment made under section 2002 or
6 2007, the Secretary shall make a lump sum payment to
7 a State of the total amount of the allotment for the State
8 as specified in subsection (b).

9 “(e) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
10 term ‘State’ means the 50 States, the District of Colum-
11 bia, and the territories contained in the list under sub-
12 section (b).”.

13 (b) REPEAL.—Effective as of October 1, 2005, sec-
14 tion 2008 of the Social Security Act, as added by sub-
15 section (a), is repealed.

16 (c) GAO STUDY AND REPORT.—

17 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
18 United States shall conduct a study to determine an
19 appropriate index that could be used to temporarily
20 adjust the Federal medical assistance percentage for
21 purposes of programs authorized under the Social
22 Security Act either with respect to all States during
23 a period of national recession or with respect to a
24 specific State when the State’s economy takes a sig-
25 nificant turn for the worse.



1 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
3 General of the United States shall submit a report
4 to Congress on the study conducted under para-
5 graph (1).

6 **SEC. 203. INCREASING MEDICAID DSH ALLOTMENTS.**

7 (a) CONTINUATION OF MEDICAID DSH ALLOTMENT
8 ADJUSTMENTS UNDER BIPA 2000.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1923(f) of the Social
10 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f))—

11 (A) in paragraph (2)—

12 (i) in the heading, by striking
13 “THROUGH 2002” and inserting “THROUGH
14 2000”;

15 (ii) by striking “ending with fiscal
16 year 2002” and inserting “ending with fis-
17 cal year 2000”; and

18 (iii) in the table in such paragraph, by
19 striking the columns labeled “FY 01” and
20 “FY02”;

21 (B) in paragraph (3)(A), by striking
22 “paragraph (2)” and inserting “paragraph
23 (4)”; and

24 (C) in paragraph (4), as added by section
25 701(a)(1) of the Medicare, Medicaid, and



1 SCHIP Benefits Improvement and Protection
2 Act of 2000 (as enacted into law by section
3 1(a)(6) of Public Law 106-554)—

4 (i) by striking “FOR FISCAL YEARS
5 2001 AND 2002” in the heading;

6 (ii) in subparagraph (A), by striking
7 “Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the” and
8 inserting “The”;

9 (iii) in subparagraph (C)—

10 (I) by striking “NO APPLICA-
11 TION” and inserting “APPLICATION”;
12 and

13 (II) by striking “without regard
14 to” and inserting “taking into ac-
15 count”.

16 (2) INCREASE IN MEDICAID DSH ALLOTMENT
17 FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—

18 (A) IN GENERAL.—Effective for DSH al-
19 lotments beginning with fiscal year 2003, the
20 item in the table contained in section
21 1923(f)(2) of the Social Security Act (42
22 U.S.C. 1396r-4(f)(2)) for the District of Co-
23 lumbia for the DSH allotment for FY 00 (fiscal
24 year 2000) is amended by striking “32” and in-
25 serting “49”.



1 (B) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in subpara-
2 graph (A) shall be construed as preventing the
3 application of section 1923(f)(4) of the Social
4 Security Act (as amended by subsection (a)) to
5 the District of Columbia for fiscal year 2003
6 and subsequent fiscal years.

7 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
8 by this subsection shall apply to DSH allotments for
9 fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 2003.

10 (b) INCREASE IN FLOOR FOR TREATMENT AS AN EX-
11 TREMELY LOW DSH STATE TO 3 PERCENT IN FISCAL
12 YEAR 2003.—

13 (1) INCREASE IN DSH FLOOR.—Section
14 1923(f)(5) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 1396r-4(f)(5)) is amended—

16 (A) by striking “fiscal year 1999” and in-
17 serting “fiscal year 2001”;

18 (B) by striking “August 31, 2000” and in-
19 serting “August 31, 2002”;

20 (C) by striking “1 percent” each place it
21 appears and inserting “3 percent”; and

22 (D) by striking “fiscal year 2001” and in-
23 serting “fiscal year 2003”.

24 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
25 by paragraph (1) take effect as if enacted on Octo-



1 ber 1, 2002, and apply to DSH allotments under
2 title XIX of the Social Security Act for fiscal year
3 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter.

4 **SEC. 204. INCREASED STATE ACCESS TO UNSPENT SCHIP**
5 **FUNDS.**

6 (a) RETAINED AND REDISTRIBUTED ALLOTMENTS
7 FOR FISCAL YEARS 1998 AND 1999.—Paragraphs
8 (2)(A)(i) and (2)(A)(ii) of section 2104(g) of the Social
9 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397dd(g)) are each amended by
10 striking “fiscal year 2002” and inserting “fiscal year
11 2004”.

12 (b) EXTENSION AND REVISION OF RETAINED AND
13 REDISTRIBUTED ALLOTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR
14 2000.—

15 (1) PERMITTING AND EXTENDING RETENTION
16 OF PORTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2000 ALLOTMENT.—
17 Paragraph (2) of such section 2104(g) is amended—

18 (A) in the heading, by striking “AND 1999”
19 and inserting “THROUGH 2000”; and

20 (B) by adding at the end of subparagraph
21 (A) the following:

22 “(iii) FISCAL YEAR 2000 ALLOT-
23 MENT.—Of the amounts allotted to a State
24 pursuant to this section for fiscal year
25 2000 that were not expended by the State



1 by the end of fiscal year 2002, 50 percent
 2 of that amount shall remain available for
 3 expenditure by the State through the end
 4 of fiscal year 2004.”.

5 (2) REDISTRIBUTED ALLOTMENTS.—Paragraph
 6 (1) of such section 2104(g) is amended—

7 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “or
 8 for fiscal year 2000 by the end of fiscal year
 9 2002,” after “fiscal year 2001,”;

10 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
 11 “1998 or 1999” and inserting “1998, 1999, or
 12 2000”;

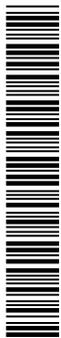
13 (C) in subparagraph (A)(i)—

14 (i) by striking “or” at the end of sub-
 15 clause (I),

16 (ii) by striking the period at the end
 17 of subclause (II) and inserting “; or”;

18 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
 19 lowing new subclause:

20 “(III) the fiscal year 2000 allot-
 21 ment, the amount specified in sub-
 22 paragraph (C)(i) (less the total of the
 23 amounts under clause (ii) for such fis-
 24 cal year), multiplied by the ratio of
 25 the amount specified in subparagraph



1 (C)(ii) for the State to the amount
2 specified in subparagraph (C)(iii).”;

3 (D) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
4 “or 1999” and inserting “, 1999, or 2000”;

5 (E) in subparagraph (B), by striking “with
6 respect to fiscal year 1998 or 1999”;

7 (F) in subparagraph (B)(ii)—

8 (i) by inserting “with respect to fiscal
9 year 1998, 1999, or 2000,” after “sub-
10 section (e),”; and

11 (ii) by striking “2002” and inserting
12 “2004”; and

13 (G) by adding at the end the following new
14 subparagraph:

15 “(C) AMOUNTS USED IN COMPUTING RE-
16 DISTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000.—For
17 purposes of subparagraph (A)(i)(III)—

18 “(i) the amount specified in this
19 clause is the amount specified in para-
20 graph (2)(B)(i)(I) for fiscal year 2000, less
21 the total amount remaining available pur-
22 suant to paragraph (2)(A)(iii);

23 “(ii) the amount specified in this
24 clause for a State is the amount by which
25 the State’s expenditures under this title in



1 fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002 exceed
 2 the State’s allotment for fiscal year 2000
 3 under subsection (b); and

4 “(iii) the amount specified in this
 5 clause is the sum, for all States entitled to
 6 a redistribution under subparagraph (A)
 7 from the allotments for fiscal year 2000, of
 8 the amounts specified in clause (ii).”.

9 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section
 10 2104(g) is further amended—

11 (A) in its heading, by striking “AND 1999”
 12 and inserting “, 1999, AND 2000”; and

13 (B) in paragraph (3)—

14 (i) by striking “or fiscal year 1999”
 15 and inserting “, fiscal year 1999, or fiscal
 16 year 2000”; and

17 (ii) by striking “or November 30,
 18 2001” and inserting “November 30, 2001,
 19 or November 30, 2002”, respectively.

20 (c) EXTENSION AND REVISION OF RETAINED AND
 21 REDISTRIBUTED ALLOTMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR
 22 2001.—

23 (1) PERMITTING AND EXTENDING RETENTION
 24 OF PORTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2001 ALLOTMENT.—



1 Paragraph (2) of such section 2104(g), as amended
2 in subsection (b)(1)(B), is further amended—

3 (A) in the heading, by striking “2000” and
4 inserting “2001”; and

5 (B) by adding at the end of subparagraph
6 (A) the following:

7 “(iv) FISCAL YEAR 2001 ALLOT-
8 MENT.—Of the amounts allotted to a State
9 pursuant to this section for fiscal year
10 2001 that were not expended by the State
11 by the end of fiscal year 2003, 50 percent
12 of that amount shall remain available for
13 expenditure by the State through the end
14 of fiscal year 2005.”.

15 (2) REDISTRIBUTED ALLOTMENTS.—Paragraph
16 (1) of such section 2104(g), as amended in sub-
17 section (b)(2), is further amended—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A), by inserting “or
19 for fiscal year 2001 by the end of fiscal year
20 2003,” after “fiscal year 2002,”;

21 (B) in subparagraph (A), by striking
22 “1999, or 2000” and inserting “1999, 2000, or
23 2001”;

24 (C) in subparagraph (A)(i)—



1 (i) by striking “or” at the end of sub-
2 clause (II),

3 (ii) by striking the period at the end
4 of subclause (III) and inserting “; or”; and

5 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subclause:

7 “(IV) the fiscal year 2001 allot-
8 ment, the amount specified in sub-
9 paragraph (D)(i) (less the total of the
10 amounts under clause (ii) for such fis-
11 cal year), multiplied by the ratio of
12 the amount specified in subparagraph
13 (D)(ii) for the State to the amount
14 specified in subparagraph (D)(iii).”;

15 (D) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
16 “or 2000” and inserting “2000, or 2001”;

17 (E) in subparagraph (B)—

18 (i) by striking “and” at the end of
19 clause (ii);

20 (ii) by redesignating clause (iii) as
21 clause (iv); and

22 (iii) by inserting after clause (ii) the
23 following new clause:

24 “(iii) notwithstanding subsection (e),
25 with respect to fiscal year 2001, shall re-



1 main available for expenditure by the State
2 through the end of fiscal year 2005; and”;
3 and

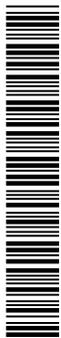
4 (F) by adding at the end the following new
5 subparagraph:

6 “(D) AMOUNTS USED IN COMPUTING RE-
7 DISTRIBUTIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2001.—For
8 purposes of subparagraph (A)(i)(IV)—

9 “(i) the amount specified in this
10 clause is the amount specified in para-
11 graph (2)(B)(i)(I) for fiscal year 2001, less
12 the total amount remaining available pur-
13 suant to paragraph (2)(A)(iv);

14 “(ii) the amount specified in this
15 clause for a State is the amount by which
16 the State’s expenditures under this title in
17 fiscal years 2001, 2002, and 2003 exceed
18 the State’s allotment for fiscal year 2001
19 under subsection (b); and

20 “(iii) the amount specified in this
21 clause is the sum, for all States entitled to
22 a redistribution under subparagraph (A)
23 from the allotments for fiscal year 2001, of
24 the amounts specified in clause (ii).”.



1 (3) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Such section
2 2104(g) is further amended—

3 (A) in its heading, by striking “AND 2000”
4 and inserting “2000, AND 2001”; and

5 (B) in paragraph (3)—

6 (i) by striking “or fiscal year 2000”
7 and inserting “fiscal year 2000, or fiscal
8 year 2001”; and

9 (ii) by striking “or November 30,
10 2002,” and inserting “November 30, 2002,
11 or November 30, 2003,” respectively.

12 (d) AUTHORITY FOR QUALIFYING STATES TO USE
13 PORTION OF SCHIP FUNDS FOR MEDICAID EXPENDI-
14 TURES.—Section 2105 of the Social Security Act (42
15 U.S.C. 1397ee) is amended by adding at the end the fol-
16 lowing:

17 “(g) AUTHORITY FOR QUALIFYING STATES TO USE
18 CERTAIN FUNDS FOR MEDICAID EXPENDITURES.—

19 “(1) STATE OPTION.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
21 other provision of law, with respect to allot-
22 ments for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001,
23 for fiscal years in which such allotments are
24 available under subsections (e) and (g) of sec-
25 tion 2104, a qualifying State (as defined in



1 paragraph (2)) may elect to use not more than
2 20 percent of such allotments (instead of for
3 expenditures under this title) for payments for
4 such fiscal year under title XIX in accordance
5 with subparagraph (B).

6 “(B) PAYMENTS TO STATES.—

7 “(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a
8 qualifying State that has elected the option
9 described in subparagraph (A), subject to
10 the total amount of funds described with
11 respect to the State in subparagraph (A),
12 the Secretary shall pay the State an
13 amount each quarter equal to the addi-
14 tional amount that would have been paid
15 to the State under title XIX for expendi-
16 tures of the State for the fiscal year de-
17 scribed in clause (ii) if the enhanced
18 FMAP (as determined under subsection
19 (b)) had been substituted for the Federal
20 medical assistance percentage (as defined
21 in section 1905(b)) of such expenditures.

22 “(ii) EXPENDITURES DESCRIBED.—

23 For purposes of clause (i), the expendi-
24 tures described in this clause are expendi-
25 tures for such fiscal years for providing



1 medical assistance under title XIX to indi-
2 viduals who have not attained age 19 and
3 whose family income exceeds 150 percent
4 of the poverty line.

5 “(iii) NO IMPACT ON DETERMINATION
6 OF BUDGET NEUTRALITY FOR WAIVERS.—
7 In the case of a qualifying State that uses
8 amounts paid under this subsection for ex-
9 penditures described in clause (ii) that are
10 incurred under a waiver approved for the
11 State, any budget neutrality determina-
12 tions with respect to such waiver shall be
13 determined without regard to such
14 amounts paid.

15 “(2) QUALIFYING STATE.—In this subsection,
16 the term ‘qualifying State’ means a State that—

17 “(A) as of April 15, 1997, has an income
18 eligibility standard with respect to any 1 or
19 more categories of children (other than infants)
20 who are eligible for medical assistance under
21 section 1902(a)(10)(A) or under a waiver under
22 section 1115 implemented on January 1, 1994,
23 that is up to 185 percent of the poverty line or
24 above; and



1 “(B) satisfies the requirements described
2 in paragraph (3).

3 “(3) REQUIREMENTS.—The requirements de-
4 scribed in this paragraph are the following:

5 “(A) SCHIP INCOME ELIGIBILITY.—The
6 State has a State child health plan that (wheth-
7 er implemented under title XIX or this title)—

8 “(i) as of January 1, 2001, has an in-
9 come eligibility standard that is at least
10 200 percent of the poverty line or has an
11 income eligibility standard that exceeds
12 200 percent of the poverty line under a
13 waiver under section 1115 that is based on
14 a child’s lack of health insurance;

15 “(ii) subject to subparagraph (B),
16 does not limit the acceptance of applica-
17 tions for children; and

18 “(iii) provides benefits to all children
19 in the State who apply for and meet eligi-
20 bility standards on a statewide basis.

21 “(B) NO WAITING LIST IMPOSED.—With
22 respect to children whose family income is at or
23 below 200 percent of the poverty line, the State
24 does not impose any numerical limitation, wait-
25 ing list, or similar limitation on the eligibility of



1 such children for child health assistance under
2 such State plan.

3 “(C) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.—The
4 State has implemented at least 3 of the fol-
5 lowing policies and procedures (relating to cov-
6 erage of children under title XIX and this title):

7 “(i) UNIFORM, SIMPLIFIED APPLICA-
8 TION FORM.—With respect to children who
9 are eligible for medical assistance under
10 section 1902(a)(10)(A), the State uses the
11 same uniform, simplified application form
12 (including, if applicable, permitting appli-
13 cation other than in person) for purposes
14 of establishing eligibility for benefits under
15 title XIX and this title.

16 “(ii) ELIMINATION OF ASSET TEST.—
17 The State does not apply any asset test for
18 eligibility under section 1902(l) or this title
19 with respect to children.

20 “(iii) ADOPTION OF 12-MONTH CON-
21 TINUOUS ENROLLMENT.—The State pro-
22 vides that eligibility shall not be regularly
23 redetermined more often than once every
24 year under this title or for children de-
25 scribed in section 1902(a)(10)(A).



1 “(iv) SAME VERIFICATION AND REDE-
2 TERMINATION POLICIES; AUTOMATIC REAS-
3 SESSMENT OF ELIGIBILITY.—With respect
4 to children who are eligible for medical as-
5 sistance under section 1902(a)(10)(A), the
6 State provides for initial eligibility deter-
7 minations and redeterminations of eligi-
8 bility using the same verification policies
9 (including with respect to face-to-face
10 interviews), forms, and frequency as the
11 State uses for such purposes under this
12 title, and, as part of such redetermina-
13 tions, provides for the automatic reassess-
14 ment of the eligibility of such children for
15 assistance under title XIX and this title.

16 “(v) OUTSTATIONING ENROLLMENT
17 STAFF.—The State provides for the receipt
18 and initial processing of applications for
19 benefits under this title and for children
20 under title XIX at facilities defined as dis-
21 proportionate share hospitals under section
22 1923(a)(1)(A) and Federally-qualified
23 health centers described in section
24 1905(l)(2)(B) consistent with section
25 1902(a)(55).”.



1 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a) through (c),
2 and the amendments made by such subsections, shall be
3 effective as if this section had been enacted on September
4 30, 2002, and amounts under title XXI of the Social Secu-
5 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.) from allotments for
6 fiscal years 1998 through 2000 are available for expendi-
7 ture on and after October 1, 2002, under the amendments
8 made by such subsections as if this section had been en-
9 acted on September 30, 2002.

10 **SEC. 205. FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EMERGENCY**
11 **CARE FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903(a)(3) of the Social
13 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)(3)) is amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “plus” at
15 the end and inserting “and”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following:

17 “(E) 100 percent of the sums expended
18 with respect to costs incurred during such quar-
19 ter as are attributable to the provision of care
20 and services that are furnished to an alien de-
21 scribed in subsection (v)(1) that are necessary
22 for the treatment of an emergency medical con-
23 dition, as defined in subsection (v)(3); and”.

24 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
25 subsection (a) shall take effect on July 1, 2003.



1 **SEC. 206. INCREASED FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR**
2 **TRANSLATION SERVICES.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1903(a)(3) of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)(3)), as amended by sec-
5 tion 205(a), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(F) 90 percent of the sums expended with
8 respect to costs incurred during such quarter as
9 are attributable to the provision of language
10 services, including oral interpretation, trans-
11 lations of written materials, and other language
12 services, for individuals with limited English
13 proficiency who apply for, or receive, medical
14 assistance under the State plan; and”.

15 (b) SCHIP.—Section 2105(A)(1) of the Social Secu-
16 rity Act (42 U.S.C.1397ee(a)(1)) is amended—

17 (1) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A),
18 by striking “section 1905(b))” and inserting “sec-
19 tion 1905(b)) or, in the case of expenditures de-
20 scribed in subparagraph (D)(iv), 90 percent”; and

21 (2) in subparagraph (D)—

22 (A) in clause (iii), by striking “and” at the
23 end;

24 (B) by redesignating clause (iv) as clause
25 (v); and



1 (C) by inserting after clause (iii) the fol-
2 lowing:

3 “(D) for expenditures attributable to the
4 provision of language services, including oral in-
5 terpretation, translations of written materials,
6 and other language services, for individuals
7 with limited English proficiency who apply for,
8 or receive, child health assistance under the
9 plan; and”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section shall take effect on July 1, 2003.

12 **SEC. 207. INCREASED FEDERAL MATCHING RATES FOR**
13 **CERTAIN SERVICES.**

14 (a) OUTSTATIONED WORKERS.—Section 1903(a)(3)
15 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(a)(3)), as
16 amended by sections 205(a) and 206(a), is amended by
17 adding at the end the following:

18 “(G) 90 percent of the sums expended with
19 respect to costs incurred during such quarter as
20 are attributable to providing for the receipt and
21 initial processing of applications of children and
22 pregnant women for medical assistance con-
23 sistent with the requirements of section
24 1902(a)(55); plus”.



1 (b) 100 PERCENT MATCHING RATE FOR URBAN IN-
2 DIAN HEALTH SERVICES.—The third sentence of section
3 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b))
4 is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “or program” after “facility”;

6 (2) by striking “or by” and inserting “, by”;

7 and

8 (3) by inserting “, or by an urban Indian orga-
9 nization pursuant to a grant or contract with the In-
10 dian Health Service under title V of the Indian
11 Health Care Improvement Act” before the period.

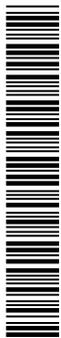
12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall take effect on July 1, 2003.

14 **TITLE III—STRENGTHENING**
15 **STATE AND FEDERAL COM-**
16 **MITMENT TO THE ELDERLY**
17 **AND PERSONS WITH DISABIL-**
18 **ITIES; FAMILY OPPORTUNITY**
19 **ACT**

20 **Subtitle A—Elderly and Persons**
21 **with Disabilities**

22 **SEC. 301. FULL ACCOUNTING OF SAVINGS IN DETERMINING**
23 **COST-EFFECTIVENESS.**

24 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1915(c)(2)(D) of the So-
25 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(c)(2)(D)) is amended



1 by inserting “(reduced by average per capita reductions
2 in spending under other Federal mandatory spending pro-
3 grams resulting from operation of the waiver)” after “with
4 respect to such individuals”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 subsection shall take effect on the date of the enactment
7 of this Act.

8 **SEC. 302. EXTENSION OF MEDICAID COVERAGE UNDER THE**
9 **TICKET TO WORK PROGRAM TO COVER**
10 **SPOUSES.**

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

14 (1) in clause (i)(II), by inserting before the
15 comma at the end the following: “, and at the option
16 of a State, any individual who is the spouse of such
17 an individual”;

18 (2) in clause (ii)(XIII), by inserting before the
19 semicolon at the end the following: “, and at the op-
20 tion of a State, any individual who is the spouse of
21 such an individual”;

22 (3) in subclause (XV), by inserting before the
23 semicolon at the end the following: “, and at the op-
24 tion of a State, any individual who is the spouse of
25 such an individual”; and



1 (4) in subclause (XVI), by inserting before the semi-
2 colon at the end the following: “, and at the option of
3 a State, any individual who is the spouse of such an indi-
4 vidual”.

5 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
6 1905(a)(xii) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(xii)) is
7 amended by inserting “and spouses described in clauses
8 (i)(II), (ii)(XIII), (ii)(XV), and (ii)(XVI) of section
9 1902(a)(10)(A)” after “subsection (v)”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
11 this section take effect on October 1, 2003, whether or
12 not regulations implementing such amendments have been
13 issued.

14 **SEC. 303. ENCOURAGING TRANSITION TO HOME AND COM-**
15 **MUNITY CARE.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(b) of the Social Se-
17 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)), as amended by section
18 101(a), is amended—

19 (1) by striking “and” before “(5)”; and

20 (2) by inserting before the period the following:

21 “, and (6) the Federal medical assistance percentage
22 shall be equal to the enhanced FMAP described in
23 section 2105(b) with respect to medical assistance
24 provided under a waiver under section 1915(c)”.



1 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1915(c) of
2 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n(c)) is amended by adding at
3 the end the following new paragraph:

4 “(11) For purposes of determining the amount of ex-
5 penditures under this section or a State plan for purposes
6 of applying any test of cost-effectiveness or similar test
7 in carrying out this subsection, the provisions of section
8 1905(b)(6) shall not be taken into account.”.

9 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
10 this section shall apply to medical assistance for items and
11 services furnished on or after July 1, 2003, regardless of
12 whether the waiver under which such assistance is pro-
13 vided was approved before, on, or after the date of the
14 enactment of this Act.

15 **SEC. 304. ENHANCED MATCHING RATE FOR DISABLED INDI-**
16 **VIDUALS AWAITING MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(b) of the Social Se-
18 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)), as amended by sections
19 101(a) and 303(a), is amended—

20 (1) by striking “and” before “(6)”; and

21 (2) by inserting before the period the following:

22 “, and (7) the Federal medical assistance percentage
23 shall be equal to 100 percent with respect to medical
24 assistance provided to individuals who are not enti-
25 tled to benefits under part A of title XVIII pursuant



1 to section 226(b) but who would be entitled to such
2 benefits pursuant to such section but for the appli-
3 cation of a 24-month waiting period under such sec-
4 tion”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall apply to medical assistance for items and
7 services furnished on or after October 1, 2003.

8 **SEC. 305. PROVIDING INITIAL TERM OF 5 YEARS FOR SEC-**
9 **TION 1915 WAIVERS.**

10 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (d)(3) and (e)(3) of
11 section 1915 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396n)
12 are each amended by striking “3 years” and inserting “5
13 years”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply to waivers granted on or after
16 the date of the enactment of this Act.

17 **SEC. 306. OPTIONAL COVERAGE OF COMMUNITY-BASED AT-**
18 **TENDANT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS UNDER**
19 **THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.**

20 (a) OPTIONAL COVERAGE.—Section 1902(a)(10)(D)
21 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(D))
22 is amended—

23 (1) by inserting “(i)” after “(D)”;

24 (2) by adding “and” after the semicolon; and



1 (3) by adding at the end the following new
2 clause:

3 “(ii) at the option of the State and subject
4 to section 1935, for the inclusion of community-
5 based attendant services and supports for any
6 individual who—

7 “(I) is eligible for medical assistance
8 under the State plan;

9 “(II) with respect to whom there has
10 been a determination that the individual
11 requires the level of care provided in a
12 nursing facility or an intermediate care fa-
13 cility for the mentally retarded (whether or
14 not coverage of such intermediate care fa-
15 cility is provided under the State plan);
16 and

17 “(III) who chooses to receive such
18 services and supports;

19 insofar as such services are appropriate for the
20 individual’s condition according to the individ-
21 ual’s plan of care;”.

22 (b) COMMUNITY-BASED ATTENDANT SERVICES AND
23 SUPPORTS OPTION.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Title XIX of the Social Se-
25 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) is amended—



1 (A) by redesignating section 1935 as sec-
2 tion 1936; and

3 (B) by inserting after section 1934 the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “COMMUNITY-BASED ATTENDANT SERVICES AND
6 SUPPORTS

7 “SEC. 1935. (a) COVERAGE.—

8 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may provide
9 through a plan amendment for the inclusion of com-
10 munity-based attendant services and supports (as
11 defined in subsection (g)(1)) for individuals de-
12 scribed in section 1902(a)(10)(D)(ii) in accordance
13 with this section.

14 “(2) ENHANCED FMAP FOR COVERAGE.—Not-
15 withstanding section 1905(b), in the case of a State
16 with an approved plan amendment under this section
17 during that period that also satisfies the require-
18 ments of subsection (c) the Federal medical assist-
19 ance percentage shall be equal to the enhanced
20 FMAP described in section 2105(b) with respect to
21 medical assistance in the form of community-based
22 attendant services and supports provided to individ-
23 uals described in section 1902(a)(10)(D)(ii) in ac-
24 cordance with this section.

25 “(b) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF BEN-
26 EFIT.—In order for a State plan amendment to be ap-



1 proved under this section, a State shall develop and imple-
2 ment the proposal through a public process which includes
3 individuals with disabilities, elderly individuals, their rep-
4 resentatives, and providers, and include in that proposed
5 plan amendment—

6 “(1) a State process to notify and inform indi-
7 viduals (including individuals who live in nursing fa-
8 cilities, individuals who live in intermediate care fa-
9 cilities for the mentally retarded, and individuals
10 who live in the community and who have an unmet
11 need for such services) of the availability of such
12 services and supports under the this title, and of
13 other items and services that may be provided to the
14 individual under this title or title XVIII; and

15 “(2) a quality assurance program that will
16 maximize consumer independence and consumer con-
17 trol and will —

18 “(A) train consumers to appropriately
19 manage their own attendant;

20 “(B) provide a quality review process; and

21 “(C) provide for investigation and resolu-
22 tion of allegations of neglect, abuse, or exploi-
23 tation in connection with the provision of such
24 services and supports.



1 “(c) NO EFFECT ON ABILITY TO PROVIDE COV-
2 ERAGE UNDER A WAIVER.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Nothing in this section
4 shall be construed as affecting the ability of a State
5 to provide coverage under the State plan for commu-
6 nity-based attendant services and supports (or simi-
7 lar coverage) under a waiver approved under section
8 1915, section 1115, or otherwise.

9 “(2) ELIGIBILITY FOR ENHANCED MATCH.—In
10 the case of a State that provides coverage for such
11 services and supports under a waiver, the State shall
12 not be eligible under section 1935 for the enhanced
13 FMAP for the provision of such coverage under this
14 unless the State submits a plan amendment to the
15 Secretary that meets the requirements of this sec-
16 tion.

17 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this title:

18 “(1) COMMUNITY-BASED ATTENDANT SERVICES
19 AND SUPPORTS.—

20 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘community-
21 based attendant services and supports’ may in-
22 clude one or more of the following: attendant
23 services and supports furnished to an indi-
24 vidual, as needed, to assist in accomplishing ac-
25 tivities of daily living, instrumental activities of



1 daily living, and health-related functions
2 through hands-on assistance, supervision, or
3 cueing—

4 “(i) under a plan of services and sup-
5 ports that is based on an assessment of
6 functional need and that is agreed to by
7 the individual or, as appropriate, the indi-
8 vidual’s representative;

9 “(ii) in a home or community setting,
10 which may include a school, workplace, or
11 recreation or religious facility, but does not
12 include a nursing facility or an inter-
13 mediate care facility for the mentally re-
14 tarded;

15 “(iii) under an agency-provider model
16 or other model (as defined in paragraph
17 (2)(C)); and

18 “(iv) the furnishing of which is se-
19 lected, managed, and dismissed by the in-
20 dividual, or, as appropriate, with assistance
21 from the individual’s representative.

22 “(B) INCLUDED SERVICES AND SUP-
23 PORTS.—Such term may include one or more of
24 the following:



1 “(i) Tasks necessary to assist an indi-
2 vidual in accomplishing activities of daily
3 living, instrumental activities of daily liv-
4 ing, and health-related functions.

5 “(ii) The acquisition, maintenance,
6 and enhancement of skills necessary for
7 the individual to accomplish activities of
8 daily living, instrumental activities of daily
9 living, and health-related functions.

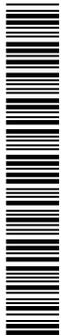
10 “(iii) Backup systems or mechanisms
11 (such as the use of beepers), as defined by
12 the State according to the client’s needs, to
13 ensure continuity of services and supports.

14 “(iv) Voluntary training on how to se-
15 lect, manage, and dismiss attendants.

16 “(C) EXCLUDED SERVICES AND SUP-
17 PORTS.—Subject to subparagraph (D), such
18 term does not include—

19 “(i) the provision of room and board
20 for the individual;

21 “(ii) special education and related
22 services provided under the Individuals
23 with Disabilities Education Act and voca-
24 tional rehabilitation services provided
25 under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973;



1 “(iii) assistive technology devices and
2 assistive technology services;

3 “(iv) durable medical equipment; or

4 “(v) home modifications.

5 “(D) FLEXIBILITY IN TRANSITION TO
6 COMMUNITY-BASED HOME SETTING.—Such
7 term may include expenditures for transitional
8 costs required for an individual to make the
9 transition from a nursing facility or inter-
10 mediate care facility for the mentally retarded
11 to a community-based home setting where the
12 individual resides.

13 “(E) CLARIFICATION OF PERMITTING PAY-
14 MENT OF RELATIVES FOR PROVIDING SERVICES
15 AND SUPPORTS.—Nothing in this section shall
16 be construed as preventing community-based at-
17 tendant services and supports from being fur-
18 nished to an individual by others who are re-
19 lated to that individual and for such others
20 being paid for so furnishing such services and
21 supports.

22 “(2) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—

23 “(A) ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING.—The
24 term ‘activities of daily living’ includes eating,



1 toileting, grooming, dressing, bathing, and
2 transferring.

3 “(B) CONSUMER CONTROLLED.—The term
4 ‘consumer controlled’ means a method of pro-
5 viding services and supports that allow the indi-
6 vidual, or where appropriate, the individual’s
7 representative, maximum control of the commu-
8 nity-based attendant services and supports, re-
9 gardless of who acts as the employer of record.

10 “(C) DELIVERY MODELS.—

11 “(i) AGENCY-PROVIDER MODEL.—The
12 term ‘agency-provider model’ means, with
13 respect to the provision of community-
14 based attendant services and supports for
15 an individual, a method of providing con-
16 sumer controlled services and supports
17 under which entities contract for the provi-
18 sion of such services and supports.

19 “(ii) OTHER MODELS.—The term
20 ‘other models’ means methods, other than
21 an agency-provider model, for the provision
22 of consumer controlled services and sup-
23 ports. Such models may include direct cash
24 payments or use of a fiscal agent to assist
25 in obtaining services.



1 “(D) HEALTH-RELATED FUNCTIONS.—The
2 term ‘health-related functions’ means functions
3 that can be delegated or assigned by licensed
4 health-care professionals under State law to be
5 performed by an attendant.

6 “(E) INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY
7 LIVING.—The term ‘instrumental activities of
8 daily living’ includes meal planning and prepa-
9 ration, managing finances, shopping for food,
10 clothing, and other essential items, performing
11 essential household chores, communicating by
12 phone and other media, and other activities
13 needed to participate in the community, as ap-
14 propriate.

15 “(F) INDIVIDUAL’S REPRESENTATIVE.—
16 The term ‘individual’s representative’ means a
17 parent, a family member, a guardian, an advo-
18 cate, or an authorized representative of an indi-
19 vidual.”.

20 (c) INVESTIGATION BY STATE .—Section
21 1903(q)(4)(A)(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
22 1396b(q)(4)(A)(i)) is amended by inserting “and for in-
23 vestigation and resolution of allegations of neglect, abuse,
24 or exploitation in connection with the provision of commu-



1 nity-based attendant services and supports under section
2 1935(b)(2)(C)” before the semicolon.

3 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
4 this section take effect on October 1, 2003, and apply to
5 medical assistance provided for community-based attend-
6 ant services and supports described in section 1935 of the
7 Social Security Act furnished on or after that date.

8 **Subtitle B—Family Opportunity**
9 **Act**

10 **SEC. 311. SHORT TITLE.**

11 This subtitle may be cited as the “Family Oppor-
12 tunity Act of 2003” or the “Dylan Lee James Act”.

13 **SEC. 312. OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIES OF DISABLED CHIL-**
14 **DREN TO PURCHASE MEDICAID COVERAGE**
15 **FOR SUCH CHILDREN.**

16 (a) **STATE OPTION TO ALLOW FAMILIES OF DIS-**
17 **ABLED CHILDREN TO PURCHASE MEDICAID COVERAGE**
18 **FOR SUCH CHILDREN.**—

19 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1902 (42 U.S.C.
20 1396a) is amended—

21 (A) in subsection (a)(10)(A)(ii)—

22 (i) by striking “or” at the end of sub-
23 clause (XVII);

24 (ii) by adding “or” at the end of sub-
25 clause (XVIII); and



1 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
2 lowing new subclause:

3 “(XIX) who are disabled children
4 described in subsection (cc)(1);” and
5 (B) by adding at the end the following new
6 subsection:

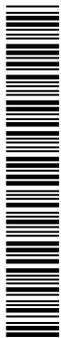
7 “(cc)(1) Individuals described in this paragraph are
8 individuals—

9 “(A) who have not attained 18 years of age;

10 “(B) who would be considered disabled under
11 section 1614(a)(3)(C) (determined without regard to
12 the reference to age in that section) but for having
13 earnings or deemed income or resources (as deter-
14 mined under title XVI for children) that exceed the
15 requirements for receipt of supplemental security in-
16 come benefits; and

17 “(C) whose family income does not exceed such
18 income level as the State establishes and does not
19 exceed—

20 “(i) 300 percent of the income official pov-
21 erty line (as defined by the Office of Manage-
22 ment and Budget, and revised annually in ac-
23 cordance with section 673(2) of the Omnibus
24 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981) applicable
25 to a family of the size involved; or



1 “(ii) such higher percent of such poverty
2 line as a State may establish, except that no
3 Federal financial participation shall be provided
4 under section 1903(a) for any medical assist-
5 ance provided to an individual who would not be
6 described in this subsection but for this
7 clause.”.

8 (2) INTERACTION WITH EMPLOYER-SPONSORED
9 FAMILY COVERAGE.—Section 1902(cc) (42 U.S.C.
10 1396a(cc)), as added by paragraph (1), is amended
11 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

12 “(2)(A) If an employer of a parent of an individual
13 described in paragraph (1) offers family coverage under
14 a group health plan (as defined in section 2791(a) of the
15 Public Health Service Act), the State may—

16 “(i) require such parent to apply for, enroll in,
17 and pay premiums for, such coverage as a condition
18 of such parent’s child being or remaining eligible for
19 medical assistance under subsection
20 (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIX) if the parent is determined eligi-
21 ble for such coverage and the employer contributes
22 at least 50 percent of the total cost of annual pre-
23 miums for such coverage; and

24 “(ii) if such coverage is obtained—



1 “(I) subject to paragraph (2) of section
2 1916(h), reduce the premium imposed by the
3 State under that section (if any) in an amount
4 that reasonably reflects the premium contribu-
5 tion made by the parent for private coverage on
6 behalf of a child with a disability; and

7 “(II) treat such coverage as a third party
8 liability under subsection (a)(25).

9 “(B) In the case of a parent to which subparagraph
10 (A) applies, if the family income of such parent does not
11 exceed 300 percent of the income official poverty line (re-
12 ferred to in paragraph (1)(C)(i)), a State may provide for
13 payment of any portion of the annual premium for such
14 family coverage that the parent is required to pay. Any
15 payments made by the State under this subparagraph
16 shall be considered, for purposes of section 1903(a), to
17 be payments for medical assistance.”.

18 (b) STATE OPTION TO IMPOSE INCOME-RELATED
19 PREMIUMS.—Section 1916 (42 U.S.C. 1396o) is
20 amended—

21 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “subsection
22 (g)” and inserting “subsections (g) and (h)”; and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
24 section:



1 “(h)(1) With respect to disabled children provided
2 medical assistance under section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIX),
3 subject to paragraph (2), a State may (in a uniform man-
4 ner for such children) require the families of such children
5 to pay monthly premiums set on a sliding scale based on
6 family income.

7 “(2) A premium requirement imposed under para-
8 graph (1) may only apply to the extent that—

9 “(A) the aggregate amount of such premium
10 and any premium that the parent is required to pay
11 for family coverage under section 1902(cc)(2)(A)(i)
12 does not exceed 5 percent of the family’s income;
13 and

14 “(B) the requirement is imposed consistent with
15 section 1902(cc)(2)(A)(ii)(I).

16 “(3) A State shall not require prepayment of a pre-
17 mium imposed pursuant to paragraph (1) and shall not
18 terminate eligibility of a child under section
19 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIX) for medical assistance under this
20 title on the basis of failure to pay any such premium until
21 such failure continues for a period of not less than 60 days
22 from the date on which the premium became past due.
23 The State may waive payment of any such premium in
24 any case where the State determines that requiring such
25 payment would create an undue hardship.”.



1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1903(f)(4)
2 (42 U.S.C. 1396b(f)(4)) is amended in the matter pre-
3 ceding subparagraph (A) by inserting
4 “1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIX),” after
5 “1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII),”.

6 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall apply to medical assistance for items and
8 services furnished on or after January 1, 2004.

9 **SEC. 313. TREATMENT OF INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC HOS-**
10 **PITAL SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS UNDER**
11 **AGE 21 IN HOME OR COMMUNITY-BASED**
12 **SERVICES WAIVERS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1915(c) (42 U.S.C.
14 1396n(c)) is amended—

15 (1) in paragraph (1)—

16 (A) in the first sentence, by inserting “, or
17 inpatient psychiatric hospital services for indi-
18 viduals under age 21,” after “intermediate care
19 facility for the mentally retarded”; and

20 (B) in the second sentence, by inserting “,
21 or inpatient psychiatric hospital services for in-
22 dividuals under age 21” before the period;

23 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “or serv-
24 ices in an intermediate care facility for the mentally
25 retarded” each place it appears and inserting “,



1 services in an intermediate care facility for the men-
2 tally retarded, or inpatient psychiatric hospital serv-
3 ices for individuals under age 21”;

4 (3) by striking paragraph (2)(C) and inserting
5 the following:

6 “(C) such individuals who are determined to be
7 likely to require the level of care provided in a hos-
8 pital, nursing facility, or intermediate care facility
9 for the mentally retarded, or inpatient psychiatric
10 hospital services for individuals under age 21, are
11 informed of the feasible alternatives, if available
12 under the waiver, at the choice of such individuals,
13 to the provision of inpatient hospital services, nurs-
14 ing facility services, services in an intermediate care
15 facility for the mentally retarded, or inpatient psy-
16 chiatric hospital services for individuals under age
17 21;”;

18 (4) in paragraph (7)(A)—

19 (A) by inserting “, or inpatient psychiatric
20 hospital services for individuals under age 21,”
21 after “intermediate care facility for the men-
22 tally retarded”; and

23 (B) by inserting “, or who would require
24 inpatient psychiatric hospital services for indi-
25 viduals under age 21” before the period.



1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 subsection (a) apply with respect to medical assistance
3 provided on or after January 1, 2003.

4 **SEC. 314. DEMONSTRATION OF COVERAGE UNDER THE**
5 **MEDICAID PROGRAM OF CHILDREN WITH PO-**
6 **TENTIALLY SEVERE DISABILITIES.**

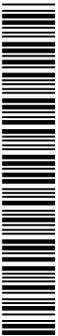
7 (a) STATE APPLICATION.—A State may apply to the
8 Secretary of Health and Human Services (in this section
9 referred to as the “Secretary”) for approval of a dem-
10 onstration project (in this section referred to as a “dem-
11 onstration project”) under which up to a specified max-
12 imum number of children with a potentially severe dis-
13 ability (as defined in subsection (b)) are provided medical
14 assistance under the State medicaid plan under title XIX
15 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

16 (b) CHILD WITH A POTENTIALLY SEVERE DIS-
17 ABILITY DEFINED.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—In this section, the term
19 “child with a potentially severe disability” means,
20 with respect to a demonstration project, an indi-
21 vidual who—

22 (A) has not attained 21 years of age;

23 (B) has a physical or mental condition,
24 disease, disorder (including a congenital birth
25 defect or a metabolic condition), injury, or de-



1 velopmental disability that was incurred before
2 the individual attained such age; and

3 (C) is reasonably expected, but for the re-
4 ceipt of medical assistance under the State
5 medicaid plan, to reach the level of disability
6 defined under section 1614(a)(3) of the Social
7 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)), (deter-
8 mined without regard to the reference to age in
9 subparagraph (C) of that section).

10 (2) EXCEPTION.—Such term does not include
11 an individual who would be considered disabled
12 under section 1614(a)(3)(C) of the Social Security
13 Act (42 U.S.C. 1382c(a)(3)(C)) (determined without
14 regard to the reference to age in that section).

15 (c) APPROVAL OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (3),
17 the Secretary shall approve applications under sub-
18 section (a) that meet the requirements of paragraph
19 (2) and such additional terms and conditions as the
20 Secretary may require. The Secretary may waive the
21 requirement of section 1902(a)(1) of the Social Se-
22 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(1)) to allow for sub-
23 State demonstrations.

24 (2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF DEMONSTRA-
25 TION PROJECTS.—The Secretary may not approve a



1 demonstration project under this section unless the
 2 State provides assurances satisfactory to the Sec-
 3 retary that the following conditions are or will be
 4 met:

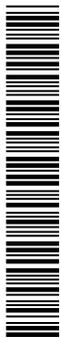
5 (A) INDEPENDENT EVALUATION.—The
 6 State provides for an independent evaluation of
 7 the project to be conducted during fiscal year
 8 2006.

9 (B) CONSULTATION FOR DEVELOPMENT
 10 OF CRITERIA.—The State consults with appro-
 11 priate pediatric health professionals in estab-
 12 lishing the criteria for determining whether a
 13 child has a potentially severe disability.

14 (C) ANNUAL REPORT.—The State submits
 15 an annual report to the Secretary (in a uniform
 16 form and manner established by the Secretary)
 17 on the use of funds provided under the grant
 18 that includes the following:

19 (i) Enrollment and financial statistics
 20 on—

21 (I) the total number of children
 22 with a potentially severe disability en-
 23 rolled in the demonstration project,
 24 disaggregated by disability;



1 (II) the services provided by cat-
2 egory or code and the cost of each
3 service so categorized or coded; and

4 (III) the number of children en-
5 rolled in the demonstration project
6 who also receive services through pri-
7 vate insurance.

8 (ii) With respect to the report sub-
9 mitted for fiscal year 2006, the results of
10 the independent evaluation conducted
11 under subparagraph (A).

12 (iii) Such additional information as
13 the Secretary may require.

14 (3) LIMITATIONS ON FEDERAL FUNDING.—

15 (A) APPROPRIATION.—

16 (i) IN GENERAL.—Out of any funds in
17 the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
18 there is appropriated to carry out this
19 section—

20 (I) \$16,666,000 for each of fiscal
21 years 2002 and 2003; and

22 (II) \$16,667,000 for each of fis-
23 cal years 2004 through 2007.

24 (ii) BUDGET AUTHORITY.—Clause (i)
25 constitutes budget authority in advance of



1 appropriations Acts and represents the ob-
2 ligation of the Federal Government to pro-
3 vide for the payment of the amounts ap-
4 propriated under clause (i).

5 (B) LIMITATION ON PAYMENTS.—In no
6 case may—

7 (i) the aggregate amount of payments
8 made by the Secretary to States under this
9 section exceed \$100,000,000;

10 (ii) the aggregate amount of payments
11 made by the Secretary to States for ad-
12 ministrative expenses relating to the eval-
13 uations and annual reports required under
14 subparagraphs (A) and (C) of paragraph
15 (2) exceed \$2,000,000 of such
16 \$100,000,000; or

17 (iii) payments be provided by the Sec-
18 retary for a fiscal year after fiscal year
19 2010.

20 (C) FUNDS ALLOCATED TO STATES.—

21 (i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall
22 allocate funds to States based on their ap-
23 plications and the availability of funds. In
24 making such allocations, the Secretary
25 shall ensure an equitable distribution of



1 funds among States with large populations
2 and States with small populations.

3 (ii) AVAILABILITY.—Funds allocated
4 to a State under a grant made under this
5 section for a fiscal year shall remain avail-
6 able until expended.

7 (D) FUNDS NOT ALLOCATED TO STATES.—
8 Funds not allocated to States in the fiscal year
9 for which they are appropriated shall remain
10 available in succeeding fiscal years for alloca-
11 tion by the Secretary using the allocation for-
12 mula established under this section.

13 (E) PAYMENTS TO STATES.—The Sec-
14 retary shall pay to each State with a dem-
15 onstration project approved under this section,
16 from its allocation under subparagraph (C), an
17 amount for each quarter equal to the Federal
18 medical assistance percentage (as defined in
19 section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42
20 U.S.C. 1395d(b))) of expenditures in the quar-
21 ter for medical assistance provided to children
22 with a potentially severe disability.

23 (d) RECOMMENDATION.—Not later than October 1,
24 2005, the Secretary shall submit a recommendation to the
25 Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives



1 and the Committee on Finance of the Senate regarding
2 whether the demonstration project established under this
3 section should be continued after fiscal year 2007.

4 (e) STATE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
5 “State” has the meaning given such term for purposes of
6 title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et
7 seq.).

8 **SEC. 315. DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT OF FAMILY-TO-**
9 **FAMILY HEALTH INFORMATION CENTERS.**

10 Section 501 (42 U.S.C. 701) is amended by adding
11 at the end the following new subsection:

12 “(c)(1) In addition to amounts appropriated under
13 subsection (a) and retained under section 502(a)(1) for
14 the purpose of carrying out activities described in sub-
15 section (a)(2), there is appropriated to the Secretary, out
16 of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,
17 for the purpose of enabling the Secretary (through grants,
18 contracts, or otherwise) to provide for special projects of
19 regional and national significance for the development and
20 support of family-to-family health information centers de-
21 scribed in paragraph (2), \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal
22 years 2002 through 2007. Funds appropriated under this
23 paragraph shall remain available until expended.

24 “(2) The family-to-family health information centers
25 described in this paragraph are centers that—



1 “(A) assist families of children with disabilities
2 or special health care needs to make informed
3 choices about health care in order to promote good
4 treatment decisions, cost-effectiveness, and improved
5 health outcomes for such children;

6 “(B) provide information regarding the health
7 care needs of, and resources available for, children
8 with disabilities or special health care needs;

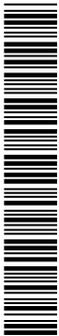
9 “(C) identify successful health delivery models
10 for such children;

11 “(D) develop with representatives of health care
12 providers, managed care organizations, health care
13 purchasers, and appropriate State agencies a model
14 for collaboration between families of such children
15 and health professionals;

16 “(E) provide training and guidance regarding
17 caring for such children;

18 “(F) conduct outreach activities to the families
19 of such children, health professionals, schools, and
20 other appropriate entities and individuals; and

21 “(G) are staffed by families of children with
22 disabilities or special health care needs who have ex-
23 pertise in Federal and State public and private
24 health care systems and health professionals.



1 “(3) The provisions of this title that are applicable
2 to the funds made available to the Secretary under section
3 502(a)(1) apply in the same manner to funds made avail-
4 able to the Secretary under paragraph (1).”.

5 **SEC. 316. RESTORATION OF MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY FOR**
6 **CERTAIN SSI BENEFICIARIES.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(II) (42
8 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(II)) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(aa)” after “(II)”;
10 (2) by striking “or who are” and inserting “,
11 (bb) who are”; and

12 (3) by inserting before the comma at the end
13 the following: “, or (cc) who are under 21 years of
14 age and with respect to whom supplemental security
15 income benefits would be paid under title XVI if
16 subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 1611(c)(7)
17 were applied without regard to the phrase ‘the first
18 day of the month following’ ”.

19 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
20 subsection (a) shall apply to medical assistance for items
21 and services furnished on or after the first day of the first
22 calendar quarter that begins after the date of enactment
23 of this Act.



1 **TITLE IV—FACILITATING PRO-**
 2 **GRAM ADMINISTRATION AND**
 3 **PRESERVING COVERAGE**

4 **SEC. 401. ALLOWING UNIFORM COVERAGE OF ALL LOW IN-**
 5 **COME AMERICANS.**

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

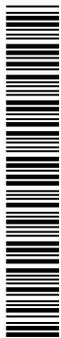
9 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subclause
 10 (XVII);

11 (2) by adding “or” at the end of subclause
 12 (XVIII); and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following the fol-
 14 lowing new subclause:

15 “(XIX) any individual age 21
 16 through 64 whose family income does
 17 not exceed 200 percent of the income
 18 official poverty line (as defined by the
 19 Office of Management and Budget,
 20 and revised annually in accordance
 21 with section 673(2) of the Omnibus
 22 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981)
 23 applicable to a family of the size in-
 24 volved;”.

25 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—



1 (1) Section 1905(a) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
2 1396d(a)) is amended, in the matter before para-
3 graph (1)—

4 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause
5 (xii);

6 (B) by adding “or” at the end of clause
7 (xiii); and

8 (C) by inserting after clause (xiii) the fol-
9 lowing new clause:

10 “(xii) individuals described in section
11 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIX),”.

12 (2) Section 1903(f)(4) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
13 1396b(f)(4)) is amended by inserting
14 “1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIX),” after
15 “1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII),”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2003.

18 **SEC. 402. FACILITATING COVERAGE OF FAMILIES.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(b) of the Social Se-
20 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)), as amended by sections
21 101(a), 303(a), and 304(a), is amended—

22 (1) by striking “and” before “(7)”; and

23 (2) by inserting before the period the following:
24 “, and (8) the Federal medical assistance percentage
25 shall be equal to the enhanced FMAP described in



1 section 2105(b) with respect to medical assistance
2 provided for individuals who are covered under sec-
3 tion 1925 or section 1931 by virtue of being a par-
4 ent or other caretaker relative (as defined for pur-
5 poses of such section) of a child and whose income
6 does not exceed the percentage of the income official
7 poverty line applicable under section 1902(l)(2)(C)
8 to children who are eligible for medical assistance
9 under section 1902(l)(1)(D)”.

10 (b) CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in section 1905(b)(8)
11 of the Social Security Act, as added by subsection (a)(2),
12 shall be construed as preventing a State from providing
13 medicaid benefits for individuals whose income exceeds
14 100 percent of the Federal poverty line at the regular
15 FMAP.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall apply to medical assistance for items and
18 services furnished on or after July 1, 2003.

19 **SEC. 403. ASSISTANCE WITH COVERAGE OF LEGAL IMMI-**
20 **GRANTS UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM**
21 **AND SCHIP.**

22 (a) MEDICAID PROGRAM.—Section 1903(v) of the
23 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b(v)) is amended—

24 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “paragraph
25 (2)” and inserting “paragraphs (2) and (4)”; and



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

3 “(4)(A) A State may elect (in a plan amendment
4 under this title) to provide medical assistance under this
5 title, notwithstanding sections 401(a), 402(b), 403, and
6 421 of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity
7 Reconciliation Act of 1996, for aliens who are lawfully re-
8 siding in the United States (including battered aliens de-
9 scribed in section 431(c) of such Act) and who are other-
10 wise eligible for such assistance, within either or both of
11 the following eligibility categories:

12 “(i) PREGNANT WOMEN.—Women during preg-
13 nancy (and during the 60-day period beginning on
14 the last day of the pregnancy).

15 “(ii) CHILDREN.—Children (as defined under
16 such plan), including optional targeted low-income
17 children described in section 1905(u)(2)(B).

18 “(B) In the case of a State that has elected to provide
19 medical assistance to a category of aliens under subpara-
20 graph (A), no debt shall accrue under an affidavit of sup-
21 port against any sponsor of such an alien on the basis
22 of provision of assistance to such category and the cost
23 of such assistance shall not be considered as an unreim-
24 bursed cost.”.



1 (b) SCHIP.—Section 2107(e)(1) of such Act (42
2 U.S.C. 1397gg(e)(1)) is amended by redesignating sub-
3 paragraphs (C) and (D) as subparagraph (D) and (E),
4 respectively, and by inserting after subparagraph (B) the
5 following new subparagraph:

6 “(C) Section 1903(v)(4) (relating to op-
7 tional coverage of categories of permanent resi-
8 dent alien children), but only if the State has
9 elected to apply such section to the category of
10 children under title XIX.”

11 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
12 this section take effect on October 1, 2003, and apply to
13 medical assistance and child health assistance furnished
14 on or after such date.

15 **SEC. 404. FLEXIBILITY IN ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(e) of the Social Se-
17 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(e)) is amended by adding at
18 the end the following:

19 “(13)(A) Subject to the requirements of this para-
20 graph, at the option of the State, the plan may provide
21 that financial eligibility requirements for medical assist-
22 ance are met for an individual under 19 years of age (or
23 such higher age as determined by the State) by using a
24 determination (made within a reasonable period, as found
25 by the State, before its use for this purpose) of the individ-



1 ual's family or household income and resources, notwith-
2 standing any differences in budget unit, disregards, deem-
3 ing, or other methodology, by a Federal or State agency
4 (or a public or private entity making such determination
5 on behalf of such agency) specified by the plan, provided
6 that such agency has fiscal liabilities or responsibilities af-
7 fected or potentially affected by such determinations, pro-
8 vided that all information furnished by such agency pursu-
9 ant to this subparagraph is used solely for purposes of
10 determining eligibility for medical assistance under the
11 State plan approved under this title or for child health
12 assistance under a State plan approved under title XXI.

13 “(B) Any State electing the option under subpara-
14 graph (A) shall—

15 “(i) ensure that if an individual is determined
16 under such subparagraph to be not eligible for med-
17 ical assistance under the State plan approved under
18 this title or for child health assistance under a State
19 plan under title XXI, the State must subsequently
20 determine if such individual is eligible for such as-
21 sistance using the methodology that would otherwise
22 be applicable in determining eligibility for such an
23 individual; and

24 “(ii) ensure that any information furnished by
25 an agency specified in such subparagraph shall be



1 furnished with reasonable promptness to the agency
2 determining eligibility for medical assistance under
3 the State plan approved under this title or for child
4 health assistance under a State plan approved under
5 Title XXI.

6 “(C) Nothing in subparagraph (A) shall be construed
7 to restrict the ability of an individual under 19 years of
8 age (or such higher age as specified by the State) to apply
9 for medical assistance under a State plan approved under
10 this title or for child health assistance under a State plan
11 approved under title XXI under the methodology that
12 would otherwise be applicable in determining eligibility for
13 such an individual.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
15 subsection (a) takes effect on October 1, 2003.

