

115TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to improve cost sharing subsidies.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN 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 “Marketplace Certainty
5 Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENHANCEMENTS FOR REDUCED COST SHARING.**

7 (a) MODIFICATION OF AMOUNT.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1402(c)(2) of the
9 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is
10 amended to read as follows:

1 “(2) ADDITIONAL REDUCTION.—The Secretary
2 shall establish procedures under which the issuer of
3 a qualified health plan to which this section applies
4 shall further reduce cost-sharing under the plan in
5 a manner sufficient to—

6 “(A) in the case of an eligible insured
7 whose household income is not less than 100
8 percent but not more than 200 percent of the
9 poverty line for a family of the size involved, in-
10 crease the plan’s share of the total allowed
11 costs of benefits provided under the plan to 95
12 percent of such costs;

13 “(B) in the case of an eligible insured
14 whose household income is more than 200 per-
15 cent but not more than 300 percent of the pov-
16 erty line for a family of the size involved, in-
17 crease the plan’s share of the total allowed
18 costs of benefits provided under the plan to 90
19 percent of such costs; and

20 “(C) in the case of an eligible insured
21 whose household income is more than 300 per-
22 cent but not more than 400 percent of the pov-
23 erty line for a family of the size involved, in-
24 crease the plan’s share of the total allowed

1 costs of bene- fits provided under the plan to 85
2 percent of such costs.”.

3 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Clause (i) of
4 section 1402(e)(1)(B) of such Act is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary
7 shall ensure the reduction under this para-
8 graph shall not result in an increase in the
9 plan’s share of the total allowed costs of
10 benefits provided under the plan above—

11 “(I) 95 percent in the case of an
12 eligible insured described in para-
13 graph (2)(A);

14 “(II) 90 percent in the case of an
15 eligible insured described in para-
16 graph (2)(B); and

17 “(III) 85 percent in the case of
18 an eligible insured described in para-
19 graph (2)(C).”.

20 (3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made
21 by this subsection shall apply to plan years begin-
22 ning after December 31, 2017.

23 (b) FUNDING.—Section 1402 of the Patient Protec-
24 tion and Affordable Care Act is amended by adding at
25 the end the following new subsection:

1 “(g) FUNDING.—Out of any funds in the Treasury
2 not otherwise appropriated, there are appropriated to the
3 Secretary such sums as may be necessary for payments
4 under this section.”.