

115TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1381

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States to impose an individual responsibility requirement for nondisabled, nonelderly, nonpregnant individuals made eligible for medical assistance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 7, 2017

Mr. GRIFFITH 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 “Requiring Individual
5 Responsibility in Medicaid Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING STATES TO APPLY AN INDIVIDUAL RE-**
2 **SPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR NON-**
3 **DISABLED, NONELDERLY, NONPREGNANT**
4 **ADULTS UNDER MEDICAID. .**

5 Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1396a) is amended by adding at the end the following new
7 subsection:

8 “(m) **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENT**
9 **OPTION FOR NONDISABLED, NONELDERLY, NONPREG-**
10 **NANT ADULTS.—**

11 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Beginning October 1,
12 2017, subject to paragraph (3), a State may elect
13 through a State plan amendment (or waiver of such
14 plan) to condition medical assistance to a non-
15 disabled, nonelderly, nonpregnant individual under
16 this title upon such an individual’s satisfaction of an
17 individual responsibility requirement (as defined in
18 paragraph (2)).

19 “(2) **INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIRE-**
20 **MENT DEFINED.—**In this section, the term ‘indi-
21 vidual responsibility requirement’ means, with re-
22 spect to an individual, the individual’s participation
23 in work activities (as defined in section 407(d)) for
24 such period of time as determined by the State, and
25 as directed and administered by the State.

1 “(3) REQUIRED EXCEPTIONS.—States admin-
2 istering an individual responsibility requirement
3 under this subsection may not apply such require-
4 ment to—

5 “(A) a woman to whom subsection (e)(5)
6 applies (relating to eligibility of pregnant
7 women through the end of the month in which
8 the 60-day period (beginning on the last day of
9 her pregnancy) ends);

10 “(B) an individual who is the only parent
11 or caretaker relative in the family of a child
12 who has not attained 6 years of age or who is
13 the only parent or caretaker of a child with dis-
14 abilities; or

15 “(C) an individual who is married or a
16 head of household and has not attained 20
17 years of age and who—

18 “(i) maintains satisfactory attendance
19 at secondary school or the equivalent; or

20 “(ii) participates in education directly
21 related to employment.”.

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