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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure health insurance coverage continuity for former foster youth.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself and Mr. BACON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Expanded Coverage for Former Foster Youth Act''.

SEC. 2. COVERAGE CONTINUITY FOR FORMER FOSTER CARE CHILDREN UP TO AGE 26.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX)) is amended to read as follows:

"(IX) who—

"(aa) are under 26 years of age;

"(bb) are not described in and are not enrolled under any of subclauses (I) through (VII) of this clause or are described in any of such subclauses but have income that exceeds the level of income applicable under the State plan for eligibility to enroll for medical assistance under such subclause; and

"(cc) were in foster care under the responsibility of a State on the date of attaining 18 years of age (or such higher age as such State has elected under section 475(8)(B)(iii)), or were in such care at any age but subsequently left such care to enter into a legal guardianship with a kinship caregiver (without regard to whether kinship guardianship payments are being made on be-

half of the child under this part), or were emancipated from such care prior to attaining age 18; and''.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on January 1, 2027, and shall apply with respect to individuals who attain 18 years of age on or after that date.

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

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

(1) in paragraph (89), by striking ''; and'' and inserting a semicolon;

(2) in paragraph (90)(C), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; and''; and

(3) by inserting after paragraph (90) the following new paragraph:

''(91) not later than January 1, 2027, establish an outreach and enrollment program, in coordination with the State agency responsible for administering the State plan under part E of title IV and any other appropriate or interested agencies, designed to increase the enrollment of individuals who are eligible for medical assistance under the State plan

1 under paragraph (10)(A)(i)(IX) in accordance with
2 best practices established by the Secretary.''.

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