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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to permit States to apply a work requirement for nondisabled, nonelderly, nonpregnant adults under Medicaid.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ROSENDALE introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Path to Independence
5 Act of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMITTING STATES TO APPLY A WORK REQUIRE-**
2 **MENT FOR NONDISABLED, NONELDERLY,**
3 **NONPREGNANT ADULTS UNDER MEDICAID.**

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

7 “(uu) **WORK REQUIREMENT OPTION FOR NON-**
8 **DISABLED, NONELDERLY, NONPREGNANT ADULTS.—**

9 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Beginning 120 days after
10 the date of the enactment of the Path to Independ-
11 ence Act of 2024, subject to paragraph (3), a State
12 may elect to condition medical assistance to a non-
13 disabled, nonelderly, nonpregnant individual under
14 this title upon such an individual’s satisfaction of a
15 work requirement (as defined in paragraph (2)).

16 “(2) **WORK REQUIREMENT DEFINED.—**In this
17 section, the term ‘work requirement’ means, with re-
18 spect to an individual, the individual’s participation
19 in work activities (as defined in section 407(d)) for
20 such period of time as determined by the State, and
21 as directed and administered by the State.

22 “(3) **REQUIRED EXCEPTIONS.—**States admin-
23 istering a work requirement under this subsection
24 may not apply such requirement to—

25 “(A) a woman during pregnancy through
26 the end of the month in which the 60-day pe-

1 riod beginning on the last day of her pregnancy
2 ends;

3 “(B) an individual who is under 19 years
4 of age;

5 “(C) an individual who is the primary par-
6 ent or caretaker relative in the family of a child
7 who has not attained 6 years of age or who is
8 the primary parent or caretaker of a child with
9 disabilities; or

10 “(D) an individual who is married or a
11 head of household and has not attained 20
12 years of age and who—

13 “(i) maintains satisfactory attendance
14 at secondary school or the equivalent; or

15 “(ii) participates in education directly
16 related to employment.”.