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H. R. 4281

To eliminate fraud in the payment of supplemental security income benefits to children by reason of disability.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DICKEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To eliminate fraud in the payment of supplemental security income benefits to children by reason of disability.

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. REPLACEMENT OF CASH BENEFIT WITH MEDI-**

4 **CAL VOUCHER.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1611(b) of the Social Se-
6 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1382(b)) is amended by adding at
7 the end the following:

8 “(3) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), the
9 benefit under this title for a child who has not attained

1 18 years of age shall be vouchers issued pursuant to sub-
2 section (j).”.

3 (b) ISSUANCE OF VOUCHERS FOR TREATMENT OF
4 DISABLING CONDITIONS OF CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR
5 SSI BENEFITS.—Section 1611 of such Act (42 U.S.C.
6 1382(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

7 “(j)(1) The Secretary of Health and Human Services
8 shall issue to each child eligible for benefits under this
9 title who has not attained 18 years of age vouchers which
10 may be used to cover the cost associated with treating the
11 blindness or disability of the child.

12 “(2) The Secretary shall, by regulation—

13 “(A) develop an appropriate measure of the an-
14 ticipated costs associated with treating each kind of
15 blindness or disability from which a child may suf-
16 fer, which shall take account of the severity of the
17 blindness or disability, any geographic variation in
18 such costs, and such other factors as the Secretary
19 deems appropriate; and

20 “(B) establish a schedule which shall be used to
21 determine the dollar value of the vouchers to be is-
22 sued to a child to cover the costs associated with
23 treating the blindness or disability of the child.

24 “(3) The Secretary shall pay to each provider of
25 health care goods or services that is licensed by a State,

1 or by a professional health care organization approved by
2 the Secretary, that submits to the Secretary a voucher is-
3 sued under this subsection an amount equal to the face
4 dollar amount of the voucher.”.

5 **SEC. 2. FRAUD CONTROL.**

6 Part B of title XVI of the Social Security Act (42
7 U.S.C. 1383–1383d) is amended by adding at the end the
8 following:

9 **“SEC. 1636. FRAUD CONTROL.**

10 “(a) NOTICE OF COOPERATION.—The Social Security
11 Administration shall notify the Inspector General of the
12 Department of Health and Human Services and each
13 State agency responsible for the detection of fraud in cases
14 involving benefits under this title, in writing, that the Ad-
15 ministration is willing to assist in the detection of such
16 fraud and that the Administration requests the name and
17 social security account number of each person who is sus-
18 pected of such fraud.

19 “(b) INVESTIGATION OF SUSPECTED FRAUD.—With-
20 in 30 days after the Social Security Administration re-
21 ceives a name submitted pursuant to the written request
22 required by subsection (a), the Administration shall con-
23 duct such activities as the Administration deems appro-
24 priate, including benefit redetermination, to ascertain

1 whether the person named is eligible for benefits under
2 this title.

3 “(c) DEVELOPMENT OF PROFILES; PERIODIC TAR-
4 GETED REDETERMINATIONS.—The Social Security Ad-
5 ministration shall develop profiles of the kinds of cases
6 that have a high probability of fraud, and shall conduct
7 periodic targeted redeterminations based on such pro-
8 files.”.

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