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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to encourage the prioritization of the most vulnerable individuals under the Medicaid program.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUDSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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## 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 “Encouraging the  
5 Prioritization of the Most Vulnerable Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ENCOURAGING MEDICAID DEMONSTRATION**  
2 **PROJECTS TO FOCUS ON THE MOST VULNER-**  
3 **ABLE PATIENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1115 of the Social Secu-  
5 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 1315) is amended by adding at the  
6 end the following new subsection:

7 “(g) In making a determination using the authority  
8 under paragraph (2)(A) of subsection (a) (relating to  
9 treating costs that would not otherwise be included as ex-  
10 penditures under section 1903 and which are not included  
11 as part of the costs of projects under section 1110 as ex-  
12 penditures under the State plan or plans approved under  
13 title XIX) to approve an application or renewal of any ex-  
14 perimental, pilot, or demonstration project undertaken  
15 under such subsection to promote the objectives of title  
16 XIX (referred to in this subsection as a ‘Medicaid dem-  
17 onstration project’), the Secretary shall—

18 “(1) post on the website of the Centers for  
19 Medicare & Medicaid Services information regarding  
20 how any such approval prioritizes projects or pro-  
21 grams have proven to be effective in improving the  
22 care or health outcomes of individuals who are unin-  
23 sured, individuals eligible to receive medical assist-  
24 ance under a State plan under title XIX, or individ-  
25 uals whose household income does not exceed 150  
26 percent of the poverty line (as defined in section

1 2110(e)(5)) applicable to a family of the size in-  
2 volved;

3 “(2) collect from the State submitting such ap-  
4 plication or renewal, to the extent practicable, avail-  
5 able data regarding the quality of care or health out-  
6 comes for the individuals served by such Medicaid  
7 demonstration project;

8 “(3) post on the website of the Centers for  
9 Medicare & Medicaid Services information regarding  
10 how such Medicaid demonstration project does not  
11 duplicate other Federal programs or Federal funding  
12 opportunities; and

13 “(4) collect from the State submitting such ap-  
14 plication or renewal, to the extent practicable, an  
15 analysis of the degree to which such Medicaid dem-  
16 onstration project, if at all, displaces efforts under-  
17 taken by private sector and charitable sector entities  
18 in such State to improve care and health outcomes  
19 for the individuals described in paragraph (1).”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
21 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to applications or  
22 renewals submitted on or after January 1, 2021.

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