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S. 2524

To amend Public Law 119–21 to repeal the prohibition on making payments under the Medicaid program to certain entities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 29, 2025

Ms. SMITH (for herself, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BALDWIN, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. REED, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. COONS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KING, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. WELCH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MARKEY, and Mr. MURPHY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Restoring Essential
5 Healthcare Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEALING PROHIBITION ON MEDICAID PAYMENTS**
2 **TO CERTAIN ENTITIES.**

3 Section 71113 of Public Law 119–21 is repealed,
4 and, in the case of any items or services furnished as med-
5 ical assistance under a State plan (or a waiver of such
6 plan) under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42
7 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) by a prohibited entity (as defined
8 in subsection (b)(1) of such section 71113) during the pe-
9 riod beginning on the date of enactment of Public Law
10 119–21 and ending on the date of enactment of this sec-
11 tion, payment for such items and services shall be made
12 as if such section 71113 had not been enacted into law.

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