

# **At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection Act**

## **H.R. 4390**

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE

The short title is the At-Risk Youth Medicaid Protection Act of 2014.

### SECTION 2. AT-RISK YOUTH MEDICAID PROTECTION

Provides that a state shall not terminate but may suspend Medicaid enrollment for an individual who is an eligible juvenile in a public institution.

Requires the state to restore Medicaid enrollment upon release for juveniles whose benefits were suspended if they remain eligible for such enrollment.

Permits the state to process an application for Medicaid enrollment by a juvenile who is an inmate of a public institution.

Defines an eligible juvenile as an individual under the age of 19 or such higher age as the state has elected. Also applies the definition of juvenile to foster care youth up to the age of 26 consistent with existing Medicaid policy.

States that there is no change in exclusion from medical assistance for inmates of public institutions, including the submission of claims for federal financial participation.

Provides that the provisions of the Act shall apply to juveniles who become inmates of public institutions on or after the date that is 1 year following enactment.

Provides additional time for changes to State plans for Medicaid that require states to legislate in order to meet the requirements under the Act.