

114TH CONGRESS
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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require the payment of an additional rebate to the State Medicaid plan in the case of increase in the price of a generic drug at a rate that is greater than the rate of inflation.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. SANDERS (for himself and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Medicaid Generic Drug
5 Price Fairness Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. APPLYING THE MEDICAID ADDITIONAL REBATE RE-**
2 **QUIREMENT TO GENERIC DRUGS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1927(c)(3) of the Social
4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r–8(e)(3)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “The
6 amount” and inserting “Except as provided in sub-
7 paragraph (C), the amount”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
9 paragraph:

10 “(C) ADDITIONAL REBATE.—

11 “(i) IN GENERAL.—The amount of
12 the rebate specified in this paragraph for
13 a rebate period, with respect to each dos-
14 age form and strength of a covered out-
15 patient drug other than a single source
16 drug or an innovator multiple source drug,
17 shall be increased in the manner that the
18 rebate for a dosage form and strength of
19 a single source drug or an innovator mul-
20 tiple source drug is increased under sub-
21 paragraphs (A) and (D) of paragraph (2),
22 except as provided in clause (ii).

23 “(ii) SPECIAL RULES FOR APPLICA-
24 TION OF PROVISION.—In applying sub-
25 paragraphs (A) and (D) of paragraph (2)
26 under clause (i)—

1 “(I) the reference in subpara-
2 graph (A)(i) of such paragraph to
3 ‘1990’ shall be deemed a reference to
4 ‘2014’;

5 “(II) subject to clause (iii), the
6 reference in subparagraph (A)(ii) of
7 such paragraph to ‘calendar quarter
8 beginning July 1, 1990’ shall be
9 deemed a reference to the ‘calendar
10 quarter in which the average manu-
11 facturer price for the drug is the low-
12 est during the 12-calendar quarter pe-
13 riod ending on September 30, 2014’;
14 and

15 “(III) subject to clause (iii), the
16 reference in subparagraph (A)(ii) of
17 such paragraph to ‘September 1990’
18 shall be deemed a reference to ‘the
19 last month of such calendar quarter’;

20 “(IV) the references in subpara-
21 graph (D) of such paragraph to ‘para-
22 graph (1)(A)(ii)’, ‘this paragraph’,
23 and ‘December 31, 2009’ shall be
24 deemed references to ‘subparagraph

1 (A)', 'this subparagraph', and 'De-
2 cember 31, 2014', respectively; and

3 “(V) any reference in such para-
4 graph to a ‘single source drug or an
5 innovator multiple source drug’ shall
6 be deemed to be a reference to a drug
7 to which clause (i) applies.

8 “(iii) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN
9 NONINNOVATOR MULTIPLE SOURCE
10 DRUGS.—In applying paragraph
11 (2)(A)(ii)(II) under clause (i) with respect
12 to a covered outpatient drug that is first
13 sold as a drug other than a single source
14 drug or an innovator multiple source drug
15 after the date that is 3 years before the
16 date of the enactment of this subpara-
17 graph, such paragraph shall be applied—

18 “(I) by substituting ‘the applica-
19 ble quarter’ for ‘the calendar quarter
20 beginning July 1, 1990’; and

21 “(II) by substituting ‘the last
22 month in such applicable quarter’ for
23 ‘September 1990’.

24 “(iv) APPLICABLE QUARTER DE-
25 FINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘ap-

1 plicable quarter' means, with respect to a
2 drug described in clause (iii), the fifth full
3 calendar quarter in which the drug is sold
4 as a drug other than a single source drug
5 or an innovator multiple source drug.”.

6 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
7 subsection (a) shall apply to rebate periods beginning after
8 December 31, 2014.