To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove a limitation on an individual’s eligibility for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan while the individual is in custody pending disposition of charges.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. Markey (for himself, Mr. Merkley, and Mr. Brown) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to remove a limitation on an individual’s eligibility for medical assistance under the State Medicaid plan while the individual is in custody pending disposition of charges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Equity in Pretrial Medicaid Coverage Act”.
SEC. 2. REMOVAL OF INMATE LIMITATION ON BENEFITS UNDER MEDICAID.

(a) In General.—The subdivision (A) of section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) that follows paragraph (30) is amended by inserting “or while in custody pending disposition of charges” after “patient in a medical institution”.

(b) Effective Date.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the 1st day of the 1st calendar quarter that begins after 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and shall apply to items and services furnished for periods beginning on or after such date.