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# H. R. 4815

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 20, 2023

Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. IVEY, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. KEATING) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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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 “Bridging the SNAP  
5 Gap Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. AGE FOR EXCLUSIONS FROM INCOME.**

7 Section 5(d)(7) of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
8 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(d)(7)) is amended by striking “17”  
9 and inserting “21”.

1 **SEC. 3. STANDARD MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION.**

2 Section 5(e)(5) of the Food and Nutrition Act of  
3 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(5)) is amended—

4 (1) in the paragraph heading, by striking “EX-  
5 CESS” and inserting “STANDARD”;

6 (2) in subparagraph (A)—

7 (A) by striking “containing an elderly or  
8 disabled member”;

9 (B) by striking “excess” and inserting  
10 “standard”; and

11 (C) by striking “incurred by the elderly or  
12 disabled member,”;

13 (3) in subparagraph (B)—

14 (A) in clause (i), by striking “excess” and  
15 inserting “standard”; and

16 (B) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “eligible  
17 elderly or disabled”; and

18 (4) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(D) STANDARD MEDICAL EXPENSE DE-  
20 DUCTION AMOUNT.—

21 “(i) IN GENERAL.—Except as pro-  
22 vided in clause (ii), the standard medical  
23 expense deduction under subparagraph (A)  
24 shall be, with respect to a fiscal year, equal  
25 to the monthly premium rate determined  
26 under section 1839(a)(3) of the Social Se-

1 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395r(a)(3)) that is  
2 applicable on October 1 of that fiscal year.

3 “(ii) EXCEPTION.—For any fiscal  
4 year, a State agency may establish a great-  
5 er standard medical expense deduction  
6 than described in clause (i) if the greater  
7 deduction satisfies cost neutrality stand-  
8 ards established by the Secretary for that  
9 fiscal year.”.

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