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H. R. 8199

To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to simplify supplemental nutrition assistance program access for elderly and disabled individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. CARAVEO (for herself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. BROWN, Mr. CARSON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. ALLRED, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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 “Increasing Nutrition
5 Access for Seniors Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 3(f) of the Food and Nu-
8 trition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(f)) is amended in the

1 second sentence by inserting “, or 36 months if that
2 household has no earned income” before the period at the
3 end.

4 (b) EXCESS MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION.—Sec-
5 tion 5(e)(5)(A) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
6 (7 U.S.C. 2014(e)(5)(A)) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(i)” before “A”, and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(ii)(I) A State agency may establish a
10 standard medical deduction option for elderly or
11 disabled household members who self-attest to
12 having medical expenses in excess of \$35 a
13 month (exclusive of special diets).

14 “(II) The standard medical deduction
15 amount shall be—

16 “(aa) for fiscal year 2025, \$155; and

17 “(bb) for each subsequent fiscal year,
18 equal to the applicable amount for the im-
19 mediately preceding fiscal year as adjusted
20 to reflect changes for the 12-month period
21 ending the preceding June 30 in the Con-
22 sumer Price Index for All Urban Con-
23 sumers: Medical Care published by the Bu-
24 reau of Labor Statistics of the Department
25 of Labor.

1 “(III) For any fiscal year, a State agency
2 may establish a greater standard medical ex-
3 pense deduction than described in subclause
4 (II) if the State provides reasonable evidence
5 for a more accurate assessment of average
6 monthly medical costs in their State.”.

7 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—Section 11(e)(3) of the Food
8 and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2020(e)(3)) is
9 amended by inserting after “this Act” the second place
10 it appears the following:

11 “(except that State agency may use data matches in lieu
12 of income verification if the household qualifies for a 36-
13 month certification period under section 3(f))”.

14 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.**

15 (a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Except as provided in sub-
16 section (b), this Act and the amendments made by this
17 Act shall take effect 180 days after the date of the enact-
18 ment of this Act.

19 (b) APPLICATION OF AMENDMENTS.—The amend-
20 ments made by this Act shall not apply with respect to
21 certification periods that begin before the effective date
22 of this Act.

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