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To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage of services provided by nursing school clinics under State Medicaid programs.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 25 (legislative day, JANUARY 5), 2011

Mr. INOUE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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 “Nursing School Clinics
5 Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. MEDICAID COVERAGE OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY**
7 **NURSING SCHOOL CLINICS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a) of the Social Se-
9 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (28), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) by redesignating paragraph (29) as para-
4 graph (30); and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (28), the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(29) nursing school clinic services (as defined
8 in subsection (ee)) furnished by or under the super-
9 vision of a nurse practitioner or a clinical nurse spe-
10 cialist (as defined in section 1861(aa)(5)), whether
11 or not the nurse practitioner or clinical nurse spe-
12 cialist is under the supervision of, or associated with,
13 a physician or other health care provider; and”.

14 (b) NURSING SCHOOL CLINIC SERVICES DEFINED.—
15 Section 1905 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d)
16 is amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(ee) The term ‘nursing school clinic services’ means
19 services provided by a health care facility operated by an
20 accredited school of nursing which provides primary care,
21 long-term care, mental health counseling, home health
22 counseling, home health care, or other health care services
23 which are within the scope of practice of a registered
24 nurse.”.

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
2 1902(a)(10)(C)(iv) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
3 1396a(a)(10)(C)(iv)) is amended by inserting “and (29)”
4 after “(24)”.

5 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
6 this section shall be effective with respect to payments
7 made under a State plan under title XIX of the Social
8 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) for calendar quar-
9 ters commencing with the first calendar quarter beginning
10 after the date of enactment of this Act.

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