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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and improve health savings accounts, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRUZ (for himself and Mr. BRAUN) 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 “Personalized Care Act
5 of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT ELIGIBILITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 223(c)
8 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read
9 as follows:

1 “(1) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL.—The term ‘eligible
2 individual’ means, with respect to any month, any
3 individual if such individual is—

4 “(A) covered under—

5 “(i) a group or individual health plan,

6 “(ii) health insurance coverage, in-
7 cluding a short term limited duration plan
8 or medical indemnity plan, or

9 “(iii) a government plan, including
10 coverage under the Medicare program
11 under part A or Part B of title XVIII of
12 the Social Security Act, the Medicaid pro-
13 gram under title XIX of such Act, the
14 CHIP program under title XXI of such
15 Act or a qualified CHIP look-alike pro-
16 gram (as defined in section 2107(g) of
17 such Act), medical coverage under chapter
18 55 of title 10, United States Code (includ-
19 ing coverage under the TRICARE pro-
20 gram), a health care program under chap-
21 ter 17 or 18 of title 38, United States
22 Code, as determined by the Secretary of
23 Veterans Affairs in coordination with the
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services
25 and the Secretary, a medical care program

1 of the Indian Health Service or a tribal or-
2 ganization, or coverage under chapter 89
3 of title 5, United States Code, or

4 “(B) a participant in a health care sharing
5 ministry (as defined in section
6 5000A(d)(2)(B)(ii),

7 as of the 1st day of such month.”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

9 (1) Subsection (c) of section 223 of such Code
10 is amended by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and
11 by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as para-
12 graphs (2) and (3), respectively.

13 (2) Paragraphs (2)(A) and (2)(B) of section
14 223(b) such Code are each amended by striking “a
15 high deductible health plan” and inserting “a health
16 plan, insurance, or ministry described in subsection
17 (c)(1)”.

18 (3) Paragraph (8)(A)(ii) of section 223(b) of
19 such Code is amended by striking “high deductible
20 health plan” and inserting “health plan, insurance,
21 or ministry described in subsection (c)(1)”.

22 (4) Section 223(g)(1) of such Code is amend-
23 ed—

1 (A) by striking “subsections (b)(2) and
2 (c)(2)(A)” both places it appears and inserting
3 “subsection (b)(2)”,

4 (B) by striking “for ‘calendar year 2016’ ”
5 in subparagraph (B) and all that follows
6 through “‘calendar year 2003’.” and inserting
7 “‘calendar year 1997’ for ‘calendar year 2016’ ”
8 in subparagraph (A)(ii) thereof.”.

9 (5) The heading of subparagraph (B) of section
10 223(b)(8) of such Code is amended by striking
11 “HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN”.

12 (6) Section 26(b)(2)(S) of such Code is amend-
13 ed by striking “high deductible health plan”.

14 (7) The heading of paragraph (3) of section
15 106(e) of such Code is amended by striking “HIGH
16 DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLAN”.

17 (8) Clause (ii) of section 106(e)(5)(B) of such
18 Code is amended by striking “a high deductible
19 health plan” and inserting “a health plan”.

20 (9) Paragraph (9) of section 408(d) of such
21 Code is amended—

22 (A) by striking “the high deductible health
23 plan covering” in subparagraph (C)(i)(I) and
24 inserting “health plan, insurance, or ministry
25 of”,

1 (B) by striking “a high deductible health
2 plan” the first place it appears in subparagraph
3 (C)(ii)(II) and inserting “a health plan, insur-
4 ance, or ministry described in section
5 223(c)(1)”,

6 (C) by striking “a high deductible health
7 plan” the second place it appears in subpara-
8 graph (C)(ii)(II) and inserting “any such plan,
9 insurance, or ministry”, and

10 (D) by striking “HIGH DEDUCTIBLE
11 HEALTH PLAN” in the heading of subparagraph
12 (D).

13 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
15 December 31, 2019.

16 **SEC. 3. INCREASE IN HSA CONTRIBUTION LIMITS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 223(b)
18 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

19 (1) by striking “\$2,250” in subparagraph (A)
20 and inserting “\$10,800”, and

21 (2) by striking “\$4,500” in subparagraph (B)
22 and inserting “\$29,500”.

23 (b) COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT.—Paragraph (1)
24 of section 223(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986,
25 as amended by section 2, is amended—

1 (1) by striking “Each” and inserting “In the
2 case of a taxable year beginning after 2020, each”,
3 and

4 (2) by striking “calendar year 1997” and in-
5 serting “calendar year 2019”.

6 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
8 December 31, 2019.

9 **SEC. 4. PAYMENT OF HEALTH PLAN AND HEALTH INSUR-**
10 **ANCE PREMIUMS FROM HSA.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (2) of section 223(d)
12 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

13 (1) by striking subparagraph (B),

14 (2) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
15 paragraph (B),

16 (3) by striking “Subparagraph (B) shall not
17 apply to any expense for coverage under” in sub-
18 paragraph (B), as so redesignated, and inserting
19 “Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to any payment
20 for insurance other than”, and

21 (4) in subparagraph (B), as so redesignated—

22 (A) by striking “or” at the end of clause
23 (iii),

24 (B) by striking the period at the end of
25 clause (iv) and inserting “, or”, and

1 (C) by adding at the end the following new
2 clause:

3 “(v) a health plan or health insurance
4 coverage described in subsection
5 (c)(1)(A).”.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
7 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
8 December 31, 2019.

9 **SEC. 5. TREATMENT OF MEDICAL CARE SERVICE ARRANGE-**
10 **MENTS.**

11 (a) INCLUSION AS MEDICAL EXPENSES.—Paragraph
12 (2) of section 223(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of
13 1986, as amended by section 4, is further amended by
14 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

15 “(C) INCLUSION OF MEDICAL CARE SERV-
16 ICE ARRANGEMENTS.—The term ‘qualified med-
17 ical expenses’ shall include—

18 “(i) periodic fees paid to a physician
19 for a defined set of medical services or for
20 the right to receive medical services on an
21 as-needed basis, and

22 “(ii) amounts prepaid for medical
23 services designed to screen for, diagnose,
24 cure, mitigate, treat, or prevent disease
25 and promote wellness.”.

1 (b) ARRANGEMENT NOT TO BE TREATED AS
2 HEALTH INSURANCE.—Subsection (c) of section 223 of
3 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended by section
4 2(b), is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing new paragraph:

6 “(4) TREATMENT OF MEDICAL CARE SERVICE
7 ARRANGEMENTS.—An arrangement under which an
8 individual is provided medical services in exchange
9 for a fixed periodic fee or payment for such services
10 shall not be treated as a health plan, insurance, or
11 arrangement described in paragraph (1).”.

12 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
13 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
14 December 31, 2019.

15 **SEC. 6. PERIODIC PROVIDER FEES TREATED AS MEDICAL**
16 **CARE.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 213(d) of the Internal
18 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end
19 the following new paragraph:

20 “(12) PERIODIC PROVIDER FEES.—Periodic
21 fees paid for a defined set of medical services pro-
22 vided on an as-needed basis shall be treated as
23 amounts paid for medical care.”.

1 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
2 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
3 December 31, 2019.

4 **SEC. 7. EXPANDING OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG COVERAGE**
5 **AND RESTORING LOWER PENALTY FOR NON-**
6 **QUALIFIED DISTRIBUTIONS.**

7 (a) OVER-THE-COUNTER COVERAGE.—Section
8 223(d)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
9 amended by striking the last sentence and inserting the
10 following: “Such term shall include an amount paid for
11 any prescription or over-the-counter medicine or drug.”.

12 (b) PENALTY.—Section 223(e)(4)(A) of the Internal
13 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “20 per-
14 cent” and inserting “10 percent”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 this section shall apply to distributions made in taxable
17 years beginning after December 31, 2019.

18 **SEC. 8. TREATMENT OF HEALTH CARE SHARING MIN-**
19 **ISTRIES.**

20 (a) INCLUSION AS MEDICAL EXPENSES.—Paragraph
21 (2) of section 223(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of
22 1986, as amended by sections 4 and 5, is further amended
23 by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

24 “(D) INCLUSION OF HEALTH CARE SHAR-
25 ING MINISTRIES.—The term ‘qualified medical

1 expenses' shall include amounts paid by a mem-
2 ber of a health care sharing ministry (as de-
3 fined in section 5000A(d)(2)(B)(ii)) for—

4 “(i) the sharing of medical expenses
5 among members, and

6 “(ii) administrative fees of the min-
7 istry.”.

8 (b) HEALTH CARE SHARING MINISTRY NOT TO BE
9 TREATED AS HEALTH INSURANCE.—Subsection (c) of
10 section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
11 amended by sections 2 and 5, is further amended by add-
12 ing at the end the following new paragraph:

13 “(5) TREATMENT OF HEALTH CARE SHARING
14 MINISTRIES.—A health care sharing ministry (as de-
15 fined in section 5000A(d)(2)(B)(ii)) shall not be
16 treated as a health plan or insurance for purposes
17 of this title.”.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
19 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
20 December 31, 2019.