

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand eligibility for the refundable credit for coverage under a qualified health plan.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. SHAHEEN 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 “Health Care Afford-
5 ability Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN ELIGIBILITY FOR CREDIT.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section
8 36B(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amend-
9 ed by striking “but does not exceed 400 percent”.

10 (b) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subparagraph (A) of section
 2 36B(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is
 3 amended to read as follows:

4 “(A) APPLICABLE PERCENTAGE.—The ap-
 5 plicable percentage for any taxable year shall be
 6 the percentage such that the applicable percent-
 7 age for any taxpayer whose household income is
 8 within an income tier specified in the following
 9 table shall increase, on a sliding scale in a lin-
 10 ear manner, from the initial premium percent-
 11 age to the final premium percentage specified in
 12 such table for such income tier:

“In the case of household income (expressed as a percent of poverty line) within the following income tier:	The initial premium percentage is—	The final premium percentage is—
Up to 150 percent	0	0
150 percent up to 200 percent	0	2.0
200 percent up to 250 percent	2.0	4.0
250 percent up to 300 percent	4.0	6.0
300 percent up to 400 percent	6.0	8.5
400 percent and higher	8.5	8.5.”.

13 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO
 14 AFFORDABILITY OF COVERAGE.—

15 (A) Paragraph (1) of section 36B(c) of
 16 such Code is amended by striking subparagraph
 17 (E).

18 (B) Subparagraph (C) of section 36B(e)(2)
 19 of such Code is amended by striking clause (iv).

1 (C) Paragraph (4) of section 36B(c) of
2 such Code is amended by striking subparagraph
3 (F).

4 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
5 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
6 December 31, 2025.