

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to expand the medical expense deduction, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Ms. WARREN, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WYDEN, and Mr. WELCH) 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 “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.”.