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118TH CONGRESS
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To amend the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 to extend certain certification periods for the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. HAYES introduced the following bill; which was 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 “WIC for Kids Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN WIC CERTIFICATION PERI-**
2 **ODS.**

3 (a) **EXPANSION OF ADJUNCTIVE ELIGIBILITY.**—Sec-
4 tion 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42
5 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)) is amended—

6 (1) in clause (ii)—

7 (A) in subclause (I), by inserting “resides
8 in a household (as such term is defined in sec-
9 tion 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008
10 (7 U.S.C. 2012)) that includes an individual
11 who” before “receives”; and

12 (B) in subclause (II), by striking “; or”
13 and inserting a semicolon;

14 (2) by amending clause (iii) to read as follows:

15 “(iii)(I) receives medical assistance
16 under title XIX of the Social Security Act
17 (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) or child health
18 assistance under title XXI of such Act (42
19 U.S.C. 1397aa et seq.); or

20 “(II) is a member of a family in which
21 a pregnant woman, postpartum woman, in-
22 fant, or child receives such assistance or is
23 enrolled as described in subclause (I);”;
24 and

25 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(iv) is enrolled as a Head Start participant in
2 a program authorized under the Head Start Act (42
3 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.) or resides in a household in
4 which one or more children is enrolled as a partici-
5 pant in such a Head Start program;

6 “(v) resides in a household that includes an in-
7 dividual who receives assistance under the food dis-
8 tribution program on Indian reservations established
9 under section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of
10 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013(b)); or

11 “(vi) resides in a household that includes an in-
12 dividual who receives assistance from a nutrition as-
13 sistance program funded by the consolidated block
14 grants for Puerto Rico and the American Samoa es-
15 tablished under section 19 of the Food and Nutri-
16 tion Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2028) or funded by a
17 block grant for the Commonwealth of the Northern
18 Mariana Islands pursuant to section 601 of Public
19 Law 96–597 (48 U.S.C. 1469d(c)).”.

20 (b) ADJUNCT DOCUMENTATION.—Section
21 17(d)(3)(E) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C.
22 1786(d)(3)(E)) is amended to read as follows:

23 “(E) ADJUNCT DOCUMENTATION.—In
24 order to participate in the program under this
25 section pursuant to clause (ii) through (vi) of

1 paragraph (2)(A), not earlier than 90 days
2 prior to the date on which the certification or
3 recertification for participation in the program
4 is made—

5 “(i) an individual shall provide docu-
6 mentation of receipt of assistance de-
7 scribed in such clause; or

8 “(ii) a State agency shall use available
9 documentation to show receipt of such as-
10 sistance.”.

11 (c) CERTIFICATION WITHIN ONE HOUSEHOLD FAM-
12 ILY.—Section 17(d)(3)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of
13 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786)(d)(3)(A)) is amended—

14 (1) in clause (i), by striking “clause (ii)” and
15 inserting “clauses (ii) through (viii)”;

16 (2) by inserting “or recertified” after “cer-
17 tified”; and

18 (3) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(iv) CERTIFICATION WITHIN ONE
20 HOUSEHOLD FAMILY.—In order to align
21 certification periods or recertification ap-
22 pointments, when a State or local agency
23 certifies an individual based on income
24 documentation under subparagraph (D) or
25 adjunct documentation under subpara-

1 graph (E), a new certification period that
2 otherwise meets the requirements of the
3 program may be initiated for eligible fam-
4 ily members of such individual.

5 “(v) CERTIFICATION OF INFANTS.—A
6 State shall certify for participation, with-
7 out further application, an infant born to
8 a pregnant individual who is participating
9 in the program pursuant to clause (iii) of
10 paragraph (2)(A).

11 “(vi) RECERTIFICATION.—Before re-
12 questing new income documentation for
13 purposes of recertifying an individual
14 under the program, a State shall—

15 “(I) determine whether such indi-
16 vidual is eligible for recertification
17 under subparagraph (E); and

18 “(II) if such individual is so eligi-
19 ble—

20 “(aa) recertify such indi-
21 vidual; and

22 “(bb) notify such individual
23 of such recertification.”.

24 (d) EXTENSION OF CHILD CERTIFICATION PERI-
25 ODS.—Section 17(d)(3)(A)(iii) of the Child Nutrition Act

1 of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(3)(A)(iii)) is amended by
2 striking “1 year” and inserting “2 years”.

3 (e) AUTOMATIC ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN IN KIN-
4 SHIP FAMILIES.—Section 17(f)(1)(C)(ix) of the Child Nu-
5 trition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(1)(C)(ix)) is
6 amended by inserting “a kinship family,” after “under the
7 care of”.