

# House committees pass CHIP extension bill that also contains \$1 billion in extra Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico

## House Energy and Commerce Committee CHIP proposal



### The proposal:

- The bill would give Puerto Rico \$1 billion in additional funding for the Medicaid health insurance program
  - PR would receive \$880 million through 2019
  - It would get another \$120 million if its financial oversight board certifies that the joint federal-state program there has taken steps to prevent fraud and abuse and improve efficiency, among other measures

The House Energy and Commerce Committee approved the measure on a party-line 28-23 vote



### The committee proposes to pay for the funding by:

- Charging higher Medicare premiums for seniors earning more than \$500,000
- Allow states to dis-enroll lottery winners from Medicaid
- Shorten the grace period for ACA enrollees who don't pay their marketplace premiums from 90 days to 30 days
- Redirect money from the ACA's prevention and public health fund to community health centers
- Make it easier for state programs to avoid medical costs if they're already covered by private plans or other government programs

\*The Senate Finance Committee has a similar bill, is also considering a similar measure to fund CHIP, but it doesn't propose funding for Puerto Rico

It also passed the committee, but that measure had no provisions to pay for the extension after a failed effort to reach compromise