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H. R. 4018

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional health insurance options for unemployed individuals.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 4, 2009

Mr. DEAL of Georgia (for himself, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BUYER, Mr. PITTS, and Mr. BLUNT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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 “Additional health in-
5 surance options for unemployed Americans Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR**
7 **GUARANTEED AVAILABILITY IN INDIVIDUAL**
8 **MARKET.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2741 of the Public Health
10 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–41(b)) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “and sec-
2 tion 2744”;

3 (2) by repealing subsection (a)(2);

4 (3) in subsection (b)(1)—

5 (A) by striking “(1)(A)” and inserting
6 “(1)”; and

7 (B) by striking “and (B)” and all that fol-
8 lows up to the semicolon at the end;

9 (4) in subsection (b)(2), by adding “and” at the
10 end;

11 (5) in subsection (b)(3)—

12 (A) by striking “(1)(A)” and inserting
13 “(1)”; and

14 (B) by striking the semicolon at the end
15 and inserting a period; and

16 (6) in subsection (b) by striking paragraphs (4)
17 and (5).

18 (b) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN BREAKS IN COV-
19 ERAGE.—Section 2701(c)(2)(A) of such Act is amended
20 by adding at the end the following: “For purposes of es-
21 tablishing the 63-day period, any time period between date
22 of application for coverage and date of enrollment in non-
23 group coverage shall not be counted.”

24 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect not later than the

1 date that is 12 months after the date of the enactment
2 of this Act.

3 (d) CLARIFICATION.—Nothing in this title shall pre-
4 vent an employee from deciding whether to keep the health
5 insurance coverage or group health plan benefits of the
6 employee offered by the employer of the employee or to
7 transition into the individual market under the protections
8 afforded such employee pursuant to the amendments made
9 by subsection (a).

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