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# S. 3924

To promote transparency and accountability concerning the implementation  
of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Mr. CORNYN introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred  
to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
Care Act.

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 “Public Accountability  
5       in Health Care Implementation Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN HEALTH**  
7               **CARE.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-  
9       sion of law, not later than 60 days after the termination  
10      of any specified comment period following the issuance of

1 a interim final rule under the Patient Protection and Af-  
2 fordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148), or an amend-  
3 ment made by that Act, the Federal official that is respon-  
4 sible for the issuance of such rule shall promulgate the  
5 final rule taking into account any comments received dur-  
6 ing such comment period, in accordance with section  
7 553(c) of title 5, United States Code.

8 (b) ENSURING COMMENT PERIODS.—With respect to  
9 an interim final rule referred to in subsection (a), if the  
10 Federal official that is responsible for the issuance of such  
11 rule fails to provide for a specified comment period after  
12 such issuance, the final rule involved shall be promulgated,  
13 taking into account comments received during a subse-  
14 quent comment period provided for under this Act, in ac-  
15 cordance with section 553(c) of title 5, United States  
16 Code, and notwithstanding subsection (a), not later than  
17 90 days after the date on which such interim final rule  
18 was issued.

19 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The provisions of this section  
20 shall apply to any interim final rule issued under the Pa-  
21 tient Protection and Affordable Care Act (or an amend-  
22 ment made by that Act) prior to, on, or after the date  
23 of enactment of this Act. With respect to interim final  
24 rules issued prior to such date of enactment, the 60-day  
25 period referred to in subsection (a), and the 90-day period

1 referred to in subsection (b), shall commence on such date  
2 of enactment.

