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H. R. 3598

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to permit insurers to offer catastrophic coverage plans to anyone, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FORTENBERRY 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. PERMITTING INSURERS TO OFFER CATA-**
4 **STROPHIC COVERAGE PLANS TO ANYONE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1302(e) of the Patient
6 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18022(e))
7 is amended to read as follows:

8 “(e) CATASTROPHIC PLAN.—A health plan not pro-
9 viding a bronze, silver, gold, or platinum level of coverage

1 shall be treated as meeting the requirements of subsection
 2 (d) with respect to any plan year if the plan provides—

3 “(1) except as provided in paragraph (2), the
 4 essential health benefits determined under sub-
 5 section (b), except that the plan provides no benefits
 6 for any plan year until the individual has incurred
 7 cost-sharing expenses in an amount equal to the an-
 8 nual limitation in effect under subsection (c)(1) for
 9 the plan year (except as provided for in section
 10 2713); and

11 “(2) coverage for at least three primary care
 12 visits.”.

13 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
 14 1312(d)(3)(C) of the Patient Protection and Affordable
 15 Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(d)(3)(C)) is amended by strik-
 16 ing “, except that” and all that follows through “section
 17 1302(e)”.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
 19 this section shall be effective as if included in the enact-
 20 ment of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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