

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 954

AN ACT

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt from the individual mandate certain individuals who had coverage under a terminated qualified health plan funded through the Consumer Operated and Oriented Plan (CO-OP) program.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “CO–OP Consumer
3 Protection Act of 2016”.

4 **SEC. 2. EXEMPTION FROM INDIVIDUAL MANDATE FOR CER-**
5 **TAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO HAD COVERAGE**
6 **UNDER A TERMINATED HEALTH PLAN FUND-**
7 **ED THROUGH THE CONSUMER OPERATED**
8 **AND ORIENTED PLAN (CO–OP) PROGRAM.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5000A(e) of the Internal
10 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by adding at the end
11 the following new paragraph:

12 “(6) CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS PREVIOUSLY EN-
13 ROLLED IN HEALTH PLANS FUNDED THROUGH THE
14 CONSUMER OPERATED AND ORIENTED PLAN (CO–OP)
15 PROGRAM.—Any applicable individual for any month
16 if—

17 “(A) such individual was enrolled in min-
18 imum essential coverage offered by a qualified
19 nonprofit health insurance issuer (as defined in
20 subsection (c) of section 1322 of the Patient
21 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C.
22 18042)) receiving funds with respect to such
23 coverage through the Consumer Operated and
24 Oriented Plan program established under such
25 section,

1 “(B) during the calendar year which in-
2 cludes such month, such issuer terminated such
3 coverage in the area in which the individual re-
4 sides, and

5 “(C) such month ends after the date on
6 which such coverage was so terminated.”.

7 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
8 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to months begin-
9 ning after December 31, 2013.

 Passed the House of Representatives September 27,
2016.

Attest:

Clerk.

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