

Calendar No. **653**114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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**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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “CO-OP Consumer  
5 Protection Act of 2016”.

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

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

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

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

23 “(B) during the calendar year which in-  
24 cludes such month, such issuer terminated such  
25 coverage in the area in which the individual re-  
26 sides, and

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

3           (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by  
4 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to months begin-  
5 ning after December 31, 2013.

          Passed the House of Representatives September 27,  
2016.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*

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