

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

114<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. BLACKBURN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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,*

1 **SECTION 1. REQUIRING VERIFICATION FOR ELIGIBILITY**  
2 **FOR ENROLLMENT DURING SPECIAL EN-**  
3 **ROLLMENT PERIODS IN PPACA INSURANCE**  
4 **PLANS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1311(c) of the Patient  
6 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031(c))  
7 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-  
8 graph:

9 “(7) VERIFICATION REQUIREMENT FOR SPE-  
10 CIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall  
12 provide that, in the case of a special enrollment  
13 period provided for under paragraph (6)(C),  
14 qualified health plans offered through an Ex-  
15 change may not make coverage effective with  
16 respect to an individual enrolling during such  
17 period until the Exchange verifies, through an  
18 approved verification process described in sub-  
19 paragraph (B), that the individual, with respect  
20 to such Exchange, is a qualified individual who  
21 is eligible to enroll during such period.

22 “(B) APPROVED VERIFICATION PROCESS  
23 DESCRIBED.—For purposes of subparagraph  
24 (A), an approved verification process described  
25 in this subparagraph is a process specified by  
26 the Secretary through interim final rulemaking

1           that requires an individual described in sub-  
2           paragraph (A) seeking to enroll in a qualified  
3           health plan described in such subparagraph to  
4           submit to the Exchange such documents as the  
5           Secretary determines are necessary in order for  
6           the Exchange to verify that the individual, with  
7           respect to such Exchange, is a qualified indi-  
8           vidual who is eligible to enroll during a period  
9           described in such subparagraph.”.

10       (b) STUDY AND REPORT.—

11           (1) STUDY.—The Secretary of Health and  
12           Human Services shall conduct a study on enrollment  
13           by individuals in qualified health plans (as defined  
14           in section 1301(a) of the Patient Protection and Af-  
15           fordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18021(a))) during spe-  
16           cial enrollment periods provided for under section  
17           1311(e)(6)(C) of such Act (42 U.S.C.  
18           18031(e)(6)(C)). Such study shall include, with re-  
19           spect to each such period, an identification of each  
20           of the following:

21           (A) The number of individuals who, **[dur-**  
22           *ing what time period?*], sought to enroll in such  
23           a plan through an Exchange established under  
24           such Act during such period but who were not  
25           allowed to so enroll during such period.

1           (B) The number of such individuals who  
2           were not allowed to so enroll through such an  
3           Exchange during such period on account of  
4           each of the following:

5                   (i) The individual did not provide to  
6                   the Exchange documentation to dem-  
7                   onstrate that the individual was, with re-  
8                   spect to the Exchange, a qualified indi-  
9                   vidual (as defined in section 1312(f)(1) of  
10                  such Act (42 U.S.C. 18032(f)(1))) who  
11                  was eligible to enroll during such period.

12                   (ii) Such documentation provided to  
13                  the Exchange by the individual was invalid.

14           (2) REPORT.—Not later than June 1, 2017, the  
15           Secretary of Health and Human Services shall sub-  
16           mit to Congress a report on the findings of the  
17           study conducted under paragraph (1).