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## Bill Would Reverse Administration Rule Allowing Short-Term Insurance Plans

### American Heart Association Commends Introduction of H.R. 1010

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**Washington, D.C.**, February 8, 2019 – The American Heart Association issued the following statement regarding the release of H.R. 1010, a bill that would reverse a rule finalized by the White House last year that allowed short-term, limited-duration insurance plans to be sold alongside ACA-compliant health insurance plans:

“This legislation would reverse the administration’s efforts to expand short-term, limited-duration insurance plans, which discriminate against individuals with pre-existing conditions, lack coverage for essential health benefits, increase deductibles and place harsh limitations on benefits.

“Patients with short-term plans run the risk of accumulating excessive medical bills or even forgoing critical care because of cost.

“We opposed this rule before it was finalized by the White House and are grateful that lawmakers, including Rep. Kathy Castor (FL), are working hard to protect patients from short-term plans. We urge lawmakers to support this legislation and put an immediate stop to the short-term rule.”

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