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Hon. Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Pallone:

Thank you for inviting me to testify before the Subcommittee on Health on February 13 about "Strengthening Our Health Care System."

Please see attached for my reply to the written follow-up question from Rep. Kathy Castor about short-term limited duration plans and which states are offering them.

I hope to continue to work with the committee on legislation to strengthen our health care system and provide more choices of more affordable health coverage and care.

Sincerely,

Grace-Marie Turner
President

cc: Hon. Greg Welden, Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce
Hon. Anna G. Ishoo, Chairwoman, Subcommittee on Health
Hon. Michael C. Burgess, M.D., Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Health

Q. Please identify the insurance companies that are offering short-term limited duration plans and in which states they are offering them.

A. The following table lists, by state, the insurers that reported short-term limited-duration policies in effect as of December 31, 2018.

State	Parent Company	Subsidiary
AR	CATHOLIC HLTH INITIATIVES GRP	QCA HLTH PLAN INC
AR	ARKANSAS BCBS GRP	USABLE MUT INS CO
DE	GENEVE HOLDINGS INC GRP	INDEPENDENCE AMER INS CO
ID	BLUE CROSS OF ID GRP	BLUE CROSS OF ID HLTH SERV INC
IL	CARLE HOLDING CO GRP	HEALTH ALLIANCE MEDICAL PLANS
IL	WARRIOR INVICTUS HOLDING CO GRP	UNITED SECURITY HLTH & CAS INS CO
IN	UNITEDHEALTH GRP	GOLDEN RULE INS CO
MI	JACKSON NATL GRP	JACKSON NATL LIFE INS CO
MI	SPECTRUM HLTH GRP	PRIORITY HLTH INS CO
MO	BCBS OF KC GRP	BCBS OF KC
NC	AMTRUST NGH GRP	INTEGON NATL INS CO
NY	GENEVE HOLDINGS INC GRP	STANDARD SECURITY LIFE INS CO OF NY
OH	MEDICAL MUT OF OH GRP	MEDICAL MUT OF OH
OH	MUNICH RE GRP	AMERICAN MODERN HOME INS CO
OR	CAMBIA HEALTH SOLUTIONS INC	LIFEMAP ASSUR CO
SC	BCBS OF SC GRP	COMPANION LIFE INS CO
TX	NEW ERA LIFE GRP	PHILADELPHIA AMER LIFE INS CO
TX	AMTRUST NGH GRP	NATIONAL HLTH INS CO
UT	IHC INC GRP	SELECTHEALTH BENEFIT ASSUR CO INC
UT	STANDARD LIFE & CAS INS CO	STANDARD LIFE & CAS INS CO
WI	SOUTHERN GUAR INS CO	SOUTHERN GUAR INS CO

The total number of STLD policies reported by insurers as in-force was 57,595, with an aggregate enrollment of 86,618 covered lives.

About the data: This information was compiled by Heritage Senior Fellow Ed Haislmaier using data from the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) “Accident And Health Policy Experience Report” for 2018. Insurers file that report annually with state regulators. The table uses abbreviations assigned by the NAIC. Note that it is not possible to identify from this source instances of states 1) where an insurer has policies in-force but has stopped writing new policies, or; 2) where an insurer has started offering the coverage but did not yet have policies in-force as of the reporting date.

The Foundation for Government Accountability also closely follows short-term limited-duration plans. Senior fellow Josh Archambault reports that the plans are available in 42 states, based upon the most recent data available from

healthinsurance.org.

https://www.healthinsurance.org/assets/img/landing_pages/stm_pdf/state-by-state-short-term-health-insurance.pdf

He provided a list of some companies that sell short-term plans, but it is not exhaustive and they are not in all states. (For example, one company is in 26 states, and one is in 40 states.)

- Companion Life
- Everest Reinsurance Company
- LifeShield National Insurance Company
- National General Accident and Health
- Standard Life & Accident Insurance Company
- UnitedHealth
- IHC Group

Some BlueCross BlueShield state plans are selling in the market as well but don't sell under the name BCBS or Anthem.

Value of Bridge Plans: During the hearing, many members of the committee called STLD plans “junk insurance” because these policies are not required to cover all of the benefits mandated by the Affordable Care Act. But these bridge plans can be a lifeline for people who are otherwise shut out of the market for insurance or need coverage when they are between jobs, starting new companies, retiring early, or otherwise can't afford traditional coverage.

One example: A single dad with two boys had to drop his ACA exchange policy because he lost his subsidy eligibility and couldn't afford to pay the high premiums. He wanted to protect his family and bought a short-term limited-duration plan. Tragically, one of his sons was diagnosed with leukemia some months after he bought the policy. The insurer paid \$170,000 for the boy to get the care he needed. His dad was extremely grateful this option was available to him. FGA polling shows the strong support for giving people the option of bridge plans, and a recent does as well.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2QB-QUxuR-A>

I appreciate your follow-question and am happy to provide additional information.