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H. R. 3976

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to allow for certain third-party payments.

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Mr. CRAMER (for himself, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. COOK, Ms. MCSALLY, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. BRAT, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. GALLAGHER, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, and Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Access to Marketplace
5 Insurance Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS BY CERTAIN THIRD PAR-**
2 **TIES ON BEHALF OF QUALIFIED INDIVID-**
3 **UALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1312 of the Patient Pro-
5 tection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18032) is
6 amended—

7 (1) by redesignating subsections (e) through (f)
8 as subsections (d) through (g), respectively; and

9 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
10 lowing new subsection:

11 “(c) PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS BY CERTAIN QUALI-
12 FIED THIRD PARTIES ON BEHALF OF A QUALIFIED INDI-
13 VIDUAL.—A qualified individual enrolled in any qualified
14 health plan may allow certain third parties to pay any ap-
15 plicable premium or cost sharing owed by such individual
16 to the health insurance issuer issuing such qualified health
17 plan, and the health insurance issuer shall accept and
18 count toward the annual limitations in section 1302(c)
19 such payments made on behalf of qualified individuals, in-
20 cluding payments from the following:

21 “(1) A State or Federal government program,
22 including assistance provided under a grant under
23 title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act.

24 “(2) Indian tribes, tribal organizations, or
25 urban Indian organizations.

1 “(3) A program conducted by an organization
2 which is—

3 “(A) exempt from taxation under section
4 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986;

5 “(B) described in clause (i) or (vi) of sec-
6 tion 170(b)(1)(A) of such Code; and

7 “(C) operated in compliance with applica-
8 ble Federal laws, including sections 3729
9 through 3733 of title 31, United States Code
10 (known as the False Claims Act).

11 “(d) EDUCATION.—The Secretary is authorized to
12 make and enforce such regulations as necessary to assure
13 that individuals eligible for the Medicare program under
14 part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act, the Med-
15 icaid program under title XIX of such Act, or coverage
16 under an available Medicare supplemental health insur-
17 ance policy under section 1882 of such Act receive proper
18 education related to all of their coverage options, including
19 qualified health plan coverage.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to premiums and
22 cost-sharing paid on or after the date that is 90 days after
23 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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