

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6135

To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to require Exchanges to establish network adequacy standards for qualified health plans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 9, 2020

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY 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 “No More Narrow Net-
5 works Act of 2020”.

6 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING EXCHANGES TO ESTABLISH NETWORK**
7 **ADEQUACY STANDARDS FOR QUALIFIED**
8 **HEALTH PLANS.**

9 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1311(d) of the Patient
10 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031(d))

1 is amended by adding at the end the following new para-
2 graph:

3 “(8) NETWORK ADEQUACY STANDARDS.—

4 “(A) CERTAIN EXCHANGES.—In the case
5 of an Exchange operated by the Secretary pur-
6 suant section 1321(c)(1) or an Exchange de-
7 scribed in section 155.200(f) of title 42, Code
8 of Federal Regulations (or a successor regula-
9 tion), the Exchange shall require each qualified
10 health plan offered through such Exchange to
11 meet such quantitative network adequacy stand-
12 ards as the Secretary may prescribe for pur-
13 poses of this subparagraph.

14 “(B) STATE EXCHANGES.—In the case of
15 an Exchange not described in subparagraph
16 (A), the Exchange shall establish quantitative
17 network adequacy standards with respect to
18 qualified health plans offered through such Ex-
19 change and require such plans to meet such
20 standards.

21 “(C) PREEMPTION.—Nothing in subpara-
22 graph (A) shall be construed to preempt any
23 State law to the extent that such law provides
24 for network adequacy standards applicable to a
25 qualified health plan offered through an Ex-

1 change described in such subparagraph that are
2 greater than such standards prescribed pursu-
3 ant to such subparagraph.”.

4 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
5 this section shall apply with respect to plan years begin-
6 ning on or after January 1, 2021.

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