

116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6193

To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to provide benefits under such plan or such coverage for a 30-day refill of prescription drugs to individuals who reside in emergency areas during emergency periods.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 11, 2020

Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Mr. ALLRED) 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 “Medication Access in
5 Emergencies Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING COVERAGE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG**
2 **REFILLS DURING EMERGENCIES.**

3 Subpart II of part A of title XXVII of the Public
4 Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–11 et seq.) is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new section:

6 **“SEC. 2730. COVERAGE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG REFILLS**
7 **DURING AN EMERGENCY.**

8 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A group health plan, and a
9 health insurance issuer offering group or individual health
10 insurance coverage, shall, in the case of an individual with
11 a prescription for a drug for which benefits are available
12 under such plan or such coverage who is enrolled under
13 such plan or such coverage and who resides in an emer-
14 gency area during an emergency period, waive, during
15 such period and with respect to such individual, any time
16 restrictions under such plan or coverage on any authorized
17 refills for such drug to the extent necessary to permit such
18 individual to receive a 30-day supply of such drug in ad-
19 vance of when such supply would have otherwise been per-
20 mitted under such plan or coverage.

21 “(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of subsection (a),
22 the terms ‘emergency area’ and ‘emergency period’ have
23 the meanings given such terms in section 1135(g) of the
24 Social Security Act.”.

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