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To amend the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to improve eligibility requirements for uninsured individuals with a preexisting condition for coverage under the Preexisting Condition Insurance Program (PCIP).

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “PCIP Improvement
5 Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVED ELIGIBILITY UNDER PCIP FOR THE UN-**
2 **INSURED WITH A PREEXISTING CONDITION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1101(d) of the Patient
4 Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111–148;
5 42 U.S.C. 18001(d)) is amended—

6 (1) by amending paragraph (2) to read as fol-
7 lows:

8 “(2) is not covered under creditable coverage as
9 of the date on which such individual is applying for
10 coverage through the high risk pool and has not had
11 any creditable coverage terminated in order to be-
12 come eligible for coverage through the high risk pool;
13 and”; and

14 (2) by adding after and below paragraph (3)
15 the following: “In paragraph (2), the term ‘cred-
16 itable coverage’ has the meaning given such term in
17 section 2701(c) of the Public Health Service Act, as
18 in effect on the date of enactment of this section,
19 but does not include any coverage (commonly re-
20 ferred to as ‘mini-med coverage’) that limits the an-
21 nual benefits payable to an amount that is less than
22 \$250,000.”.

23 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
24 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
25 ment of this Act and shall apply to applications of individ-
26 uals submitted on or after such date for coverage as eligi-

1 ble individuals through a qualified high risk pool. The Sec-
2 retary of Health and Human Services shall issue such reg-
3 ulations or guidance as may be necessary to implement
4 such amendments on a timely basis.