

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1391

To amend section 4358(c) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 to permit medicare select policies to be offered in all States on an extended basis.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 4, 1995

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut (for herself, Mr. BLILEY, and Mr. ARCHER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## 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. PERMITTING MEDICARE SELECT POLICIES TO**  
4 **BE OFFERED IN ALL STATES FOR AN EX-**  
5 **TENDED PERIOD.**

6 Section 4358(c) of the Omnibus Budget Reconcili-  
7 ation Act of 1990, as amended by section 172(a) of the

1 Social Security Act Amendments of 1994, is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 “(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) The amendments made  
4 by this section shall only apply—

5 “(A) in 15 States (as determined by the Sec-  
6 retary of Health and Human Services) and such  
7 other States as elect such amendments to apply to  
8 them, and

9 “(B) subject to paragraph (2), during the 8½  
10 year period beginning with 1992.

11 “(2)(A) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-  
12 ices shall conduct a study that compares the health care  
13 costs, quality of care, and access to services under medi-  
14 care select policies with that under other medicare suppl-  
15 mental policies. The study shall be based on surveys of  
16 appropriate age-adjusted sample populations. The study  
17 shall be completed by December 31, 1998.

18 “(B) The Secretary shall determine during 1999  
19 whether the amendments made by this section shall re-  
20 main in effect beyond the 8½ year period described in  
21 paragraph (1)(B). Such amendments shall remain in ef-  
22 fect beyond such period unless the Secretary determines  
23 (based on the results of the study under subparagraph  
24 (A)) that—

1           “(i) such amendments have not resulted in sav-  
2           ings of premiums costs to those enrolled in medicare  
3           select policies (in comparison to their enrollment in  
4           medicare supplemental policies that are not medicare  
5           select policies and that provide comparable cov-  
6           erage),

7           “(ii) there have been significant additional ex-  
8           penditures under the medicare program as a result  
9           of such amendments, or

10           “(iii) access to and quality of care has been sig-  
11           nificantly diminished as a result of such amend-  
12           ments.”.

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