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Re: Interim Final Rule for Group Health Plans and Health Insurance Coverage Relating to Status as a Grandfathered Health Plan Under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

As a consumer I wish to take this opportunity to formally comment on the interim final rule regarding health plans and "grandfather" status (Document ID IRS-2010-0010-0001).

I believe the consumer protections included as part of the new health care law are vitally important and should be extended to as many people as possible. Accordingly, every effort

should be made to increase the number of individuals covered by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) via the above regulations. The triggers or conditions that would extend these protections to consumers under currently existing "grandfathered" plans should not be weakened or reduced in any way. I specifically support the position and detailed comments offered by the American Chiropractic Association with respect to the implementation of these regulations.

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