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## General Comment

The proposed rules will weaken healthcare protections in the Affordable Care Act. It allows providers to offer cheaper healthcare by eliminating essential health benefits. For example they will have to cover cancer patients, but the new rules will not require them to cover chemotherapy or other cancer treatment. This creates multiple risk pools, destabilizing ACA and making it more likely to increase premiums and be unavailable in some states. This will not help sick people, but it will advance the President's political goals.