

**2019 DRAFTING REQUEST**

**Assembly Amendment (AA-AB1)**

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**Pre Topic:**

No specific pre topic given

**Topic:**

Exceptions to guaranteed issue for service area and financial reserves; preexisting condition exclusion

**Instructions:**

See attached

**Drafting History:**

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Per Matt from Rep. Rohrkaste's office

Amend LRB-1169 (AB 1)

1) Include exceptions to guaranteed issue  
found in ACA @ 42 USC 300gg-1 (c) & (d)  
outside service area, capacity of provider network  
financial reserves

2) Include definition of preexisting condition  
exclusion from ACA (42 USC 300gg-3 (b)(1)(A))



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*additional*

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Redraft a0015 per Matt from Rep Rohrkaste's office

Align ABI with treatment of grandfathered plans under ACA (42 USC 18011)

Individual & group - not required to guarantee issue

Individual - exempt from preexisting condition exclusion

Prohibition





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18           (b)”.

19           END INSERT 3-11

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Under the Affordable Care Act, to remain a grandfathered plan, the plan may not enroll new individuals or groups except for family members of individuals already enrolled. Similarly, transitional plans are plans exempt from certain provisions of the Affordable Care Act in which individuals and groups enrolled between March 24, 2010, and the end of 2013.

The Affordable Care Act exempts grandfathered plans from the limitation on premium rate variation, and Assembly Bill 1 includes this exemption for grandfathered and transitional plans. The amendment adds an exemption for all grandfathered and transitional plans from the requirement to guarantee issue and exempts grandfathered and transitional individual plans from the prohibition against imposing a preexisting condition exclusion.

Should you have any questions or want any changes to the amendment, please contact me.

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