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117TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To amend the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to extend the premium assistance for COBRA Continuation Coverage for individuals and their families.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MRVAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “COBRA Subsidy Ex-  
5 tension for Workers and Families Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PREMIUM ASSISTANCE FOR COBRA**  
2 **CONTINUATION COVERAGE FOR INDIVID-**  
3 **UALS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

4 Section 9501(a) of the American Rescue Plan Act of  
5 2021 (Public Law 117–2) is amended—

6 (1) in paragraph (1)(A), by striking “Sep-  
7 tember 30, 2021” and inserting “September 30,  
8 2022”;

9 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking “September  
10 30, 2021” and inserting “September 30, 2022”;

11 (3) in paragraph (7), by striking “and (8)” and  
12 inserting “(8), and (9)”;

13 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (9) and (10)  
14 as paragraphs (10) and (11), respectively; and

15 (5) by inserting after paragraph (8) the fol-  
16 lowing new paragraph:

17 “(9) EXPEDITED REVIEW OF DENIALS OF PRE-  
18 MIUM ASSISTANCE.—In any case in which an indi-  
19 vidual requests treatment as an assistance eligible  
20 individual and is denied such treatment by the group  
21 health plan, the Secretary of Labor (or the Sec-  
22 retary of Health and Human Services in connection  
23 with COBRA continuation coverage which is pro-  
24 vided other than pursuant to part 6 of subtitle B of  
25 title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security  
26 Act of 1974), in consultation with the Secretary of

1 the Treasury, shall provide for expedited review of  
2 such denial. An individual shall be entitled to such  
3 review upon application to such Secretary in such  
4 form and manner as shall be provided by such Sec-  
5 retary. Such Secretary shall make a determination  
6 regarding such individual's eligibility within 15 busi-  
7 ness days after receipt of such individual's applica-  
8 tion for review under this paragraph. Either Sec-  
9 retary's determination upon review of the denial  
10 shall be de novo and shall be the final determination  
11 of such Secretary. A reviewing court shall grant def-  
12 erence to such Secretary's determination. The provi-  
13 sions of this paragraph and paragraphs (1) through  
14 (6) shall be treated as provisions of title I of the  
15 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974  
16 for purposes of part 5 of subtitle B of such title.”.