

**U.S. House and Senate Notification**  
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**To: Congressional Health Staff**

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**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

**Subject: New Rule Ensures Students Get Health Insurance Protections of the Affordable Care Act**

A new proposed regulation announced today by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) would ensure students enrolled in health insurance coverage through their college or university benefit from critical consumer protections created by the Affordable Care Act. Students enrolled in college plans would have the freedom from worrying about losing their insurance, or having it capped unexpectedly if they are in an accident or become sick.

HHS is also requesting comments on how other Affordable Care Act protections apply to student health plans, including the choice of medical provider and application of the new medical loss ratio rules.

To find the new proposed rule, visit [www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx](http://www.ofr.gov/inspection.aspx). For a fact sheet on the new proposed rule, visit [www.HealthCare.gov/news/factsheets/students02092011a.html](http://www.HealthCare.gov/news/factsheets/students02092011a.html). For more information about the new patient protections created under the Affordable Care Act, visit [www.HealthCare.gov](http://www.HealthCare.gov).

Please contact the CMS Office of Legislation with any questions.