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## AARP Submits Amicus Brief Supporting Lawsuit Seeking to Stop Implementation of the “Skinny” Plan Rule

**WASHINGTON, DC**—AARP [Executive Vice President and Chief Advocacy & Engagement Officer Nancy LeaMond](#) released the following statement in response to the recently filed lawsuit challenging the Short-Term, Limited-Duration plan rule:

*“Today, AARP and AARP Foundation submitted an [Amicus Brief](#) in support of a request that the court stop implementation of the Administration’s Short-Term, Limited-Duration (or “skinny”) plan rule. The underlying lawsuit charges that the “skinny” plan rule violates the Administrative Procedure Act. AARP’s brief explains how these “skinny” plans are not subject to the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) consumer protections, and how their expansion will be especially harmful to older Americans who purchase coverage on the existing ACA individual market.*

*“The ACA improved health care for older Americans by prohibiting insurance companies from discriminating against individuals with pre-existing conditions or charging upwards of five times or more because of their age. As a result, older Americans have seen the barriers that once left them uninsured or facing unaffordable health coverage eliminated.*

*“AARP opposed the Administration’s expansion of short-term plans because it will severely undermine the progress that has been made to provide access to affordable health care. Under this rule insurance companies can once again overcharge older Americans for their health coverage or deny them coverage altogether. It would also allow insurance companies to impose an “age tax” and cut essential benefits.*

*“AARP is urging the Court to stop the implementation of the short-term rule. We stand ready to work with policy makers on a bipartisan basis to ensure that consumer protections and affordable health insurance coverage are not only maintained, but strengthened.”*

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### **About AARP**

AARP is the nation’s largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering people 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. With a nationwide presence and nearly 38 million members, AARP strengthens communities and advocates for what matters most to families: health security, financial stability and personal fulfillment. AARP also produces the nation’s largest circulation publications: AARP The Magazine and AARP Bulletin. To learn more, visit [www.aarp.org](http://www.aarp.org) or follow @AARP and @AARPadvocates on social media.

### **About Foundation**

AARP Foundation works to end senior poverty by helping vulnerable older adults build economic opportunity and social connectedness. As AARP’s charitable affiliate, we serve AARP members and nonmembers alike. Bolstered by vigorous legal advocacy, we spark bold, innovative solutions that foster resilience, strengthen communities and restore hope.

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