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## What Happened to Affordable Catastrophic Coverage?

I've been following a Twitter conversation about prices at the doctor's office. One individual said major medical (hospitalization) insurance was the only coverage available when he was a child. His mom paid the family doctor out of her pocket when they went to the office.

One doctor responded by saying that her parents "STILL talk about the same type of coverage for us when we were kids." Yet another doctor said legislators should write bills to create these kinds of plans.

But I tweeted back that the Affordable Care Act prohibits them except if you're under the age of 30, or can qualify for an affordability exemption or a hardship waiver. Congress should repeal this prohibition.

**"Catastrophic Plan,"** Section 1302 (e) (Essential Health Benefits Requirements), Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, March 23, 2010:  
<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/111/hr3590/text>

**Twila's Tweet,** June 5, 2019:

<https://twitter.com/twilabrase/status/1136422719925436417>

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