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2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Ensuring FEHBP
5 Coverage During Shutdowns Act”.

(Original Signature of Member)
SEC. 2. DESIGNATING CERTAIN FEHBP-RELATED SERVICES AS EXCEPTED SERVICES UNDER THE ANTI-DEFICIENCY ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8905 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) Any services by an officer or employee under this chapter relating to enrolling individuals in a health benefits plan under this chapter, or changing the enrollment of an individual already so enrolled due to a qualifying life event, shall be deemed, for purposes of section 1342 of title 31, services for emergencies involving the safety of human life or the protection of property.”.

(b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply to any lapse in appropriations beginning on or after the date of enactment of this Act.