



Difficulties seen in curtailing coverage denials for those with pre-existing conditions

The [Baton Rouge Advocate](#) (1/31, Shields, Ballard) reported that one issue on which both sides of the healthcare reform debate seem to agree "is that the routine denial of coverage for a 'pre-existing condition' needs to be repaired." However, "despite all the agreement, actually passing legislation that would eliminate denials is far more complex." Rep. Bill Cassidy (R-LA) "said he has concerns about the impact that uninsured patients with pre-existing conditions will have on the industry under the law. 'They get their condition treated and they drop their insurance,' Cassidy said. 'They're gaming the system.'"

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