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To amend regulations relating to the eligibility of Federal employees, during a Government shutdown, for supplemental vision and dental coverage, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JOHNSON of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MAINTAINING SUPPLEMENTAL VISION AND**
4 **DENTAL COVERAGE FOR FEDERAL EMPLOY-**
5 **EES DURING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 30 days after the
7 date of enactment of this Act, the Director of the Office
8 of Personnel Management shall amend section 894.601 of

1 title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, by adding at the end
2 of subsection (b) the following: “Notwithstanding the pre-
3 ceding sentence, if you go into a period of nonpay or insuf-
4 ficient pay as a result in a lapse of appropriations of the
5 agency at which you are employed, and you do not make
6 direct premium payments during that lapse, your
7 FEDVIP coverage continues during such lapse, but in no
8 case may such coverage be continued under this sentence
9 for a period of a lapse in appropriations longer than 1
10 year.”.

11 (b) APPLICATION.—The amendment made by sub-
12 section (a) shall apply to any contract for dental or vision
13 benefits under chapter 89A or 89B, respectively, of title
14 5, United States Code, entered into after the date of en-
15 actment of this Act.

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