

Stop Lansing's lame-duck rush over health insurance

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Halt the headlong rush in Lansing to pass proposed "individual market reforms" in health insurance for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan during a lame-duck session of the Legislature that begins next week.

Earlier this year, similar proposals were the subject of months of hearings, lobbying and debate before the bills stalled in the Senate.

Now, some in Lansing propose cramming the complicated and controversial measures into a few days of lawmaking at the end of the year.

That's too little time for all sides to present their cases, or for lawmakers' careful consideration.

With Barack Obama's administration getting ready to take office on Jan. 20, nobody even knows what, if any, implication the new president's plans for health care would hold for insurance plans in Michigan.

Health care and health insurance are issues that are too important and much too detailed for the hasty deals done by lame-duck legislators in the last days of their elected terms in office.

We know: We spoke with opponents and proponents of this issue last spring. The ins and outs, the claims and counterclaims, of this debate make the head spin.

Save this issue for the start of the new legislative session in January.

We may weigh in on the merits of the proposal then, along with everyone else.

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