Several Democratic-led states are looking to implement state-level individual mandates for insurance coverage in an effort to reduce the prominence of bare counties and failing risk pools due to the end of the Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate in 2019 and other instabilities surround the law.

California, New York, Maryland, Connecticut, and Washington state are all considering pursuing state individual mandates for insurance coverage when their state legislatures come into session in early 2018, according to multiple sources with close knowledge of state proceedings. Massachusetts created and implemented a state-level individual mandate for insurance coverage in 2006 as a part of RomneyCare, and sources said that states will likely use Massachusetts’ mandate, as well as the Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate as a model.

Since the individual mandate penalty is a tax, states do not need federal approval to create their own version of the Obamacare mandate for coverage. Thus far, the states that are looking to replicate the federal coverage penalty have primarily Democratic-leaning legislatures or governors.