

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 8823
OFFERED BY MR. MACKENZIE OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Putting Patients First
3 by Strengthening Provider Accountability in FECA Act”.

4 SEC. 2. FRAUD CONVICTIONS.

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 8103 of title 5, United
6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “These ex-
8 penses” and inserting “Subject to subsection (c),
9 these expenses”;

10 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “The Sec-
11 retary, under” and inserting “Subject to subsection
12 (c), the Secretary, under”; and

13 (3) by adding at the end the following:

14 “(c)(1) The Secretary of Labor may suspend pay-
15 ments to a provider of services, appliances, or supplies fur-
16 nished pursuant to subsection (a), or vouchers or certifi-
17 cations described in subsection (b) for the expenses in-
18 curred by the employing agency with respect to such a

1 provider, if the provider has been convicted of fraud with
2 respect to—

3 “(A) this subchapter;

4 “(B) any Federal health care benefit program
5 (as defined in section 24 of title 18, United States
6 Code); or

7 “(C) any State program for which payments
8 are made to providers for services, appliances, or
9 supplies similar to such services, appliances, or sup-
10 plies provided pursuant to this subchapter.

11 “(2) The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to
12 carry out this subsection.”.

13 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
14 this Act shall apply with respect to payments made to a
15 provider of services, appliances, or supplies on or after the
16 date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this
17 Act.

