Amendment to the Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to Subtitle I Offered by M_.

Add at the end the following new section:

SEC. 30904. ENSURING NO REDUCTION IN BENEFITS UNDER MA PLANS.

3 Notwithstanding any provision of, or any amendment 4 made by, a preceding section of this part, no such provi-5 sion or amendment shall take effect before the date that 6 the Secretary of Health and Human Services certifies to Congress in writing that such provisions and amendments 7 8 will not result in any reduction of dental, hearing, or vision 9 benefits provided under Medicare Advantage plans offered under part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 10 U.S.C. 1395w–21 et seq.) in rural areas, or in any reduc-11 12 tion in the projected growth of such benefits under such plans offered in such areas (as determined by the Chief 13 Actuary of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services). 14

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