AMENDMENT

Offered by M_..

Add at the end the following:

1	SEC ESTABLISHING AN OUT-OF-POCKET LIMIT ON EX-
2	PENDITURES FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
3	UNDER GROUP HEALTH PLANS AND GROUP
4	AND INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COV-
5	ERAGE.
6	(a) PHSA.—Part D of title XXVII of the Public
7	Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-111 et seq.) is
8	amended by adding at the end the following new section:
9	"SEC. 2799A-11. LIMITATION ON PRESCRIPTION DRUG OUT-
10	OF-POCKET COST-SHARING.
11	"(a) In General.—A group health plan and a health
12	insurance issuer offering group or individual health insur-
13	ance coverage shall ensure that any annual cost-sharing
14	imposed under the plan or coverage with respect to pre-
15	scription drugs does not exceed the dollar amounts speci-
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	fied in subsection (b).
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	"(b) Limitation Amount.—For purposes of sub-

1	"(A) for plan years beginning in 2026,
2	\$2,000; and
3	"(B) for plan years beginning in 2027 or
4	a subsequent year, the dollar amount in effect
5	under this subparagraph for plan years begin-
6	ning in 2026, increased by an amount equal to
7	the product of that amount and the premium
8	adjustment percentage under paragraph (4) for
9	the calendar year.
10	"(2) With respect to coverage other than self-
11	only coverage, for plan years beginning in 2026 or
12	a subsequent year, twice the amount in effect under
13	paragraph (1) for such plan year.
14	If the amount of any increase under subparagraph (A) is
15	not a multiple of \$50, such increase shall be rounded to
16	the next lowest multiple of \$50.".
17	(b) Catastrophic Plans.—Section
18	1302(e)(1)(B)(i) of the Patient Protection and Affordable
19	Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18022(e)(1)(B)(i)) is amended by in-
20	serting "and except, with respect to plan years beginning
21	on or after January 1, 2026, in the case of an individual
22	who has incurred cost-sharing expenses with respect to
23	prescription drugs in an amount equal to the annual limi-
24	tation in effect under section 2799A-11(a) of such Act,

- 1 for benefits consisting of prescription drugs" after "sec-
- 2 tion 2713".
- 3 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 4 this section shall apply with respect to plan years begin-
- 5 ning on or after January 1, 2026.

