

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY M____.

Add at the end the following:

1 SEC. ____ PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS
2 WITH RESPECT TO THE NAVIGATOR PRO-
3 GRAM.

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1311(i) of the Patient
5 Protection and Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. 18031(i))
6 is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (2), by adding at the end the
8 following new subparagraph:

9 “(C) SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS.—In the
10 case of an Exchange established and operated
11 by the Secretary within a State pursuant to sec-
12 tion 1321(c), in awarding grants under para-
13 graph (1), the Exchange shall—

14 “(i) select entities to receive such
15 grants based on an entity’s demonstrated
16 capacity to carry out each of the duties
17 specified in paragraph (3);

18 “(ii) not take into account whether or
19 not the entity has demonstrated how the
20 entity will provide information to individ-

1 uals relating to group health plans offered
2 by a group or association of employers de-
3 scribed in section 2510.3–5(b) of title 29,
4 Code of Federal Regulations (or any suc-
5 cessor regulation), or short-term limited
6 duration insurance (as defined by the Sec-
7 retary for purposes of section 2791(b)(5)
8 of the Public Health Service Act); and

9 “(iii) ensure that, each year, the Ex-
10 change awards such a grant to—

11 “(I) at least one entity described
12 in this paragraph that is a community
13 and consumer-focused nonprofit
14 group; and

15 “(II) at least one entity described
16 in subparagraph (B), which may in-
17 clude another community and con-
18 sumer-focused nonprofit group in ad-
19 dition to any such group awarded a
20 grant pursuant to subclause (I).”;

21 (2) in paragraph (3)—

22 (A) in subparagraph (C), by inserting after
23 “qualified health plans” the following: “, State
24 medicaid plans under title XIX of the Social
25 Security Act, and State children’s health insur-

1 ance programs under title XXI of such Act”;
2 and

3 (B) by adding at the end the following
4 flush left sentence:

5 “The duties specified in the preceding sentence may
6 be carried out by such a navigator at any time dur-
7 ing a year.”;

8 (3) in paragraph (4)(A)—

9 (A) in the matter preceding clause (i), by
10 striking “not”;

11 (B) in clause (i)—

12 (i) by inserting “not” before “be”;

13 and

14 (ii) by striking “; or” and inserting
15 “;”;

16 (C) in clause (ii)—

17 (i) by inserting “not” before “re-
18 ceive”; and

19 (ii) by striking the period and insert-
20 ing “;”; and

21 (D) by adding at the end the following new
22 clause:

23 “(iii) maintain physical presence in
24 the State of the Exchange so as to allow
25 in-person assistance to consumers.”; and

1 (4) in paragraph (6)—

2 (A) by striking “FUNDING.—Grants
3 under” and inserting “FUNDING.—

4 “(A) STATE EXCHANGES.—Grants under”;
5 and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following new
7 subparagraph:

8 “(B) FEDERAL EXCHANGES.—For pur-
9 poses of carrying out this subsection, with re-
10 spect to an Exchange established and operated
11 by the Secretary within a State pursuant to sec-
12 tion 1321(c), the Secretary shall obligate
13 \$100,000,000 out of amounts collected through
14 the user fees on participating health insurance
15 issuers pursuant to section 156.50 of title 45,
16 Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor
17 regulations) for fiscal year 2026 and each sub-
18 sequent fiscal year. Such amount for a fiscal
19 year shall remain available until expended.”.

20 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
21 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to plan years begin-
22 ning on or after January 1, 2026.

