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OFFERED BY MRS. CAPPS AND MR. PALLONE

(Amendment to Medicare Modernization and Prescription  
Drug Act of 2002)

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Amend section 1860E(d) of the Social Security Act  
[page 34, line 31 through page 36, line 4] (as proposed  
to be inserted by section 101(a)(2)) to read as follows:

1       “(d) HHS AS PDP SPONSOR FOR A NATIONWIDE PRE-  
2       SCRIPTION DRUG PLAN.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, through the Ad-  
4       ministrators of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Serv-  
5       ices, shall take such steps as may be necessary to qualify  
6       and serve as a PDP sponsor and to offer a prescription  
7       drug plan that offers standard coverage throughout the  
8       United States.

9               “(2) PREMIUM; SOLVENCY; AUTHORITIES.—In car-  
10       rying out paragraph (1), the Secretary—

11               “(A) shall establish a premium in the amount of  
12       \$35 for months in 2005 and, for months in subsequent  
13       years, in the amount specified in this subparagraph for  
14       months in the previous year increased by the annual  
15       percentage increase described in section 1860B(b)(5)  
16       (relating to growth in medicare prescription drug costs  
17       per beneficiary) for the year involved;

18               “(B) is deemed to have met any applicable sol-  
19       vency and capital adequacy standards; and

20               “(C) shall exercise such authorities (including the  
21       use of regional or other pharmaceutical benefit man-  
22       agers) as the Secretary determines necessary to offer  
23       the prescription drug plan in the same or a comparable  
24       manner as is the case for prescription drug plans of-  
25       fered by private PDP sponsors.