

1. AN AMENDMENT TO BE OFFERED BY REPRESENTATIVE PITTS OF PENNSYLVANIA OR HIS DESIGNEE, DEBATABLE FOR 10 MINUTES

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 113-8
OFFERED BY Mr. Pitts

Page 3, after line 2, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5. TERMINATING FUNDING FOR PREVENTION AND**
2 **PUBLIC HEALTH FUND AFTER FISCAL YEAR**
3 **2016.**

4 Section 4002(b) of Public Law 111-148 (42 U.S.C.
5 300u-11(b)), as amended by section 3205 of the Middle
6 Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, is further
7 amended—

8 (1) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and” after
9 the semicolon;

10 (2) in paragraph (2)—

11 (A) by striking “2017” and inserting
12 “2016”; and

13 (B) by striking the semicolon and inserting
14 a period; and

15 (3) by striking each of paragraphs (3) through
16 (5).

17 **SEC. 6. ESCAPE VALVE FROM THE TRAINWRECK.**

18 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Health and
19 Human Services (referred to in this section as the “Sec-
20 retary”) shall award block grants to States to provide for

1 the development of innovative models that ensure afford-
2 able health insurance coverage for Americans with pre-ex-
3 isting health conditions.

4 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—A State shall use amounts re-
5 ceived under a grant under this section for innovative
6 State high-risk pool programs that meet the requirements
7 of subsection (c) and that ensure the provision of afford-
8 able health insurance coverage for eligible individuals de-
9 scribed in subsection (d) with pre-existing health condi-
10 tions. Such funds may be used for the development, start-
11 up, and funding of new State high-risk pools satisfying
12 such requirements and for the enhancement of funding for
13 existing State high-risk pools satisfying such require-
14 ments.

15 (c) REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH RISK POOL.—For
16 purposes of this section, the requirements described in this
17 subsection, for a State high-risk pool are each of the fol-
18 lowing requirements:

19 (1) The pool provides at least two health insur-
20 ance coverage options, one of which being a high de-
21 ductible health plan coupled with a health savings
22 account.

23 (2) The pool is funded with a stable funding
24 source.

1 (3) The pool does not have any waiting lists so
2 that all eligible individuals described in subsection
3 (d) who are seeking coverage through the pool are
4 allowed to receive coverage through the pool.

5 (4) The pool allows for coverage of individuals
6 who, but for the 24-month disability waiting period
7 under section 226(b) of the Social Security Act (42
8 U.S.C. 426(b)), would be eligible for Medicare under
9 title XVIII of such Act during such waiting period.

10 (5) The premium rate charged for health insur-
11 ance coverage offered to eligible individuals through
12 the pool does not exceed the rate that is 150 percent
13 of the average premium rate for applicable standard
14 risk populations in the State.

15 (d) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS.—For purposes of this
16 section, an eligible individual described in this subsection,
17 with respect to a State high risk pool funded by a grant
18 under this section, is an individual who—

19 (1) is a resident of such State; and

20 (2) complies with any other requirements estab-
21 lished by the State for participation in such pool.

22 (e) AMOUNT OF GRANT.—The amount of a grant to
23 a State under this section shall be determined by the Sec-
24 retary based on a review of State applications and re-
25 quests.

1 (f) LIMITATION ON ABORTION FUNDING.—No funds
2 authorized by this section may be used to pay for any
3 abortion or to cover any part of the costs of any health
4 plans that includes coverage of abortion, except—

5 (1) if the pregnancy is the result of an act of
6 rape or incest; or

7 (2) in the case where a pregnant woman suffers
8 from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical
9 illness that would, as certified by a physician, place
10 the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is
11 performed, including a life-endangering physical con-
12 dition caused by or arising from the pregnancy
13 itself.

14 (g) PRE-EXISTING CONDITION DEFINED.—For pur-
15 poses of this section, the term “pre-existing condition”
16 means, with respect to an individual, a medical or other
17 condition of the individual that exists prior to the date
18 on which such individual attempts to enroll in health in-
19 surance coverage, whether or not any medical advice, diag-
20 nosis, care, or treatment was recommended or received for
21 such condition before such date.

22 (h) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
23 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section for

- 1 fiscal year 2014, \$5,000,000,000, to be made available to
- 2 States for calendar year 2014.

