AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1628, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY M__.

In the section 2204(c)(2)(B) proposed to be added to the Social Security Act by section 132, strike “to carry out the purpose described in section 2202(2) in such States by providing payments to appropriate entities described in such section with respect to claims that exceed $1,000,000” and insert “to carry out the Federal Invisible Risk Sharing Program in such States under section 2205”.

In title XXII of the Social Security Act, as added by section 132, add at the end the following:

“SEC. 2205. FEDERAL INVISIBLE RISK SHARING PROGRAM.
“(a) IN GENERAL.—There is established within the Patient and State Stability Fund a Federal Invisible Risk Sharing Program (in this section referred to as the ‘Program’), to be administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (in this section referred to as the ‘Administrator’), to provide payments to health insurance issuers with respect to claims for eligi-
ble individuals for the purpose of lowering premiums for
health insurance coverage offered in the individual market.

“(b) FUNDING.—

“(1) APPROPRIATION.—For the purpose of pro-
viding funding for the Program there is appro-
priated, out of any money in the Treasury not other-
wise appropriated, $15,000,000,000 for the period
beginning on January 1, 2018, and ending on De-
cember 31, 2026.

“(2) USE OF UNALLOCATED FUNDS.—Funds
provided under section 2204(c)(2)(B) to carry out
this section are in addition to the amount appro-
priated under paragraph (1).

“(c) OPERATION OF PROGRAM.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator shall es-

tablish, after consultation with health care con-
sumers, health insurance issuers, State insurance
commissioners, and other stakeholders and after tak-
ing into consideration high cost health conditions
and other health trends that generate high cost, pa-
rameters for the operation of the Program consistent
with this section and consistent with the same limi-
tation on payment with respect to health insurance
coverage that applies to payment with respect health
benefits coverage under section 2105(c)(7).
“(2) Deadline for Initial Operation.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this title, the Administrator shall establish sufficient parameters to specify how the Program will operate for plan year 2018.

“(3) State Operation of Program.—The Administrator shall establish a process for a State to operate the Program in such State beginning with plan year 2020.

“(d) Details of Program.—The parameters for the Program shall include the following:

“(1) Eligible Individuals.—A definition for eligible individuals.

“(2) Health Status Statements.—The development and use of health status statements with respect to such individuals.

“(3) Standards for Qualification.—

“(A) Automatic Qualification.—The identification of health conditions that automatically qualify individuals as eligible individuals at the time of application for health insurance coverage.

“(B) Voluntary Qualification.—A process under which health insurance issuers may voluntarily qualify individuals, who do not
automatically qualify under subparagraph (A), as eligible individuals at the time of application for such coverage.

“(4) Percentage of insurance premiums to be applied.—The percentage of the premiums paid, to health insurance issuers for health insurance coverage by eligible individuals, that shall be collected and deposited to the credit (and available for the use) of the Program.

“(5) Attachment dollar amount and payment proportion.—The dollar amount of claims for eligible individuals after which the Program will provide payments to health insurance issuers and the proportion of such claims above such dollar amount that the Program will pay.”.