

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1213, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. PALLONE OF NEW JERSEY**

In section 1, add at the end the following:

1 (c) GAO REPORT ON IMPACTS THAT FUNDING
2 WOULD HAVE ON STATES ESTABLISHING EXCHANGES, IF
3 NOT REPEALED AND RESCINDED.—

4 (1) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the
5 United States shall conduct a study to determine the
6 impacts that expenditures by States, using the fund-
7 ing made available under subsection (a) of section
8 1311 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care
9 Act (42 U.S.C. 18031), would have in establishing
10 State-run American Health Benefit Exchanges (as
11 described in subsection (b) of such section) that re-
12 flect the marketplace of the specific State (as op-
13 posed to State exchanges established and operated
14 by the Federal Government), if such funding were
15 not repealed and rescinded under subsections (a)
16 and (b) of this section. In determining such impacts,
17 the Comptroller General shall at a minimum ad-
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1 (A) whether employers with over 50 em-
2 ployees are permitted in such Exchanges to
3 purchase insurance over time;

4 (B) what type financing mechanisms will
5 be used to operate such Exchanges;

6 (C) whether such Exchanges will be active
7 negotiators in selecting health plans to obtain
8 the best price and quality for citizens;

9 (D) whether States will operate such Ex-
10 changes together with one or more other States;
11 and

12 (E) whether there will be more than one
13 such Exchange (subsidiary exchanges), each
14 serving a geographically distinct area, in some
15 States.

16 (2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller
18 General shall submit to the Congress a report set-
19 ting forth the results and conclusions of the study
20 under paragraph (1).

